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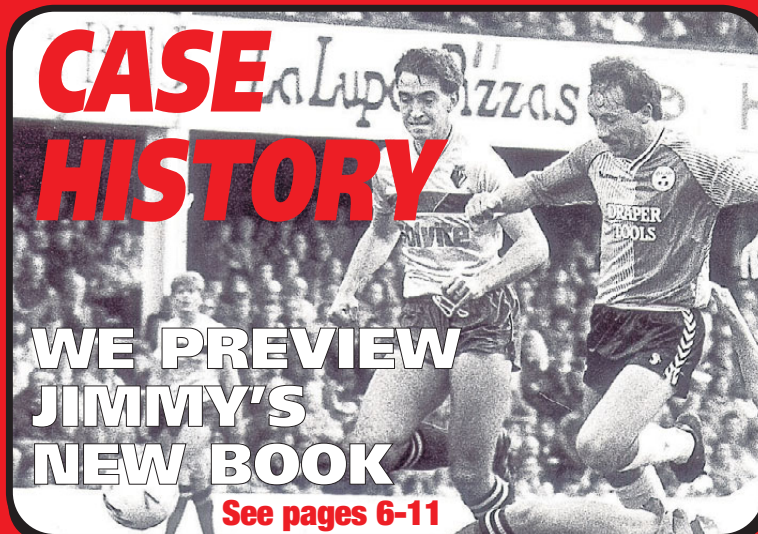


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IS IT TIME FOR CLYNE?

*Will Saints star Nathaniel finally
get England nod against Estonia?*

NATHANIEL Clyne will hope to put the disappointment of Thursday night behind him tomorrow evening by making his debut for the England team.

The Saints defender has received a first-ever senior call-up to the national squad, but was left on the bench for the Euro 2016 qualifier against San Marino, at Wembley, earlier this week.

Instead of playing Clyne, England boss Roy Hodgson opted to use the 23-year-old's former

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Southampton teammate, Calum Chambers, at right-back in the 5-0 win.

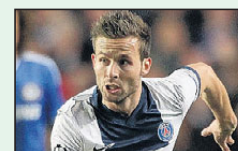
That was despite the Arsenal player having only been drafted in at late notice from the

under-21 squad and being used, and earmarked for the future, as a centre-half by his current club.

England, who have two wins from their opening two matches on the road to the next major tournament, which takes place in France, will be looking to continue their excellent start when they visit Estonia tomorrow (5pm kick-off).

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INTERNATIONAL PREVIEW

EBOLA THREAT TO SAINTS STAR'S AFRICAN DREAM

SAINTS attacker Sadio Mane's participation in next year's African Nations Cup is in doubt after hosts Morocco called for a postponement of the finals because of fears over the Ebola virus.

The lively winger, a £10m summer signing, has made a good start to life at St Mary's as he settles into the world of the Premier League.

He was back representing his country, Senegal, in yesterday's 0-0 qualifying draw against Tunisia at the Stade Leopold Sedar Senghor in Dakar.

The result maintained Senegal's position as leaders of Group G with seven points from three games and right on track to qualify for the tournament which starts on January 17 and runs until February 8.

However, the Ebola outbreak has cast a shadow over the event, with Morocco's government calling for the 16-team tournament to be postponed following a report by its health ministry into the possible spread of the virus.

Any postponement of the tournament would be a particularly tough blow for Mane and his

nation, who were banned from the 2013 competition after a riot that occurred during a play-off game against the Ivory Coast that forced the fixture to be abandoned.

Responding to Morocco's calls for a postponement of the finals, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) said today it would meet the Moroccan government next month, sending a high-powered delegation to discuss the issue in Rabat led by its president Issa Hayatou.

"CAF acknowledges this request and confirms it will make no changes to its calendar of scheduled competitions," the organisers said.

"We have taken into account the recommendations of the World Health Organization and various medical experts. It should be noted that since the first edition in 1957 no African Cup of Nations has ever been postponed or deferred."

CAF had already banned international matches in Liberia, Guinea and Ebola-affected Sierra Leone. The latter two are still involved in Nations Cup qualifiers and will clash later on Saturday.



SENEGAL
STAR: Sadio
Mane.

Chambers 'better at right back'



CALUM CHAMBERS

FORMER Saint Calum Chambers will be better at right-back than centre-half right now, according to ex-England and Arsenal player Ray Parlour.

It's a view that, if shared by England boss Roy Hodgson, will further harm the international chances of Nathaniel Clyne.

But Parlour has been highly impressed by 19-year-old Chambers, who made his full debut for England on Thursday following his £16 million summer switch to the Gunners.

"He has been absolutely superb," Parlour, speaking on behalf of England lead sponsor Vauxhall, said.

"He has been a great signing for Arsene Wenger, another good youngster in the side.

"He gives Wenger a headache as to what is his best position. It is all about learning his trade, he is still a young lad.

"It won't harm him if he plays centre-half or right-back at the moment. You learn a different sort of way to play.

"Right now I think he'll be a better right-back. He just needs a little bit in the last third and to stop the bookings."

However, Parlour is less convinced about the way one of Chambers' Arsenal team-mates is being used by Hodgson.

He feels Jack Wilshere is wasted playing at the base of the diamond in the England side.

The 22-year-old was deployed in the untested role of holding midfielder against Switzerland last month, earning mixed reviews as the Three Lions secured an impressive 2-0 win in Basle.

Wilshere returned to the role for a portion of Thursday's 5-0 victory over San Marino, picking up the man of the match award despite failing to get on the score sheet.

The Arsenal midfielder may well again be used at the base of the diamond when England continue their European Championship qualifying campaign in Estonia on Sunday, although Parlour believes he better utilised elsewhere.

"I really believe his best position

is more of an advanced midfielder," the former England international told Press Association Sport. "His game is best when he is doing those little one-twos around the penalty box.

"He knows exactly when to give it, he holds onto it enough and he does those driving runs forwards - I think that is Jack Wilshere at his best.

"I always think you've got to be playing on a regular basis in that regular position if you're going to be playing for your country. Roy Hodgson has got to make a big decision.

"Certainly I believe Jack Wilshere's position is more advanced and Roy will have to look into the further we get into the group and obviously in two years' time in the European Championships.

"Who plays there, I don't know. It is a situation where there is a big decision as to who play there, but at the moment I'd like Jack further forwards, around that penalty box, creating chances."



JACK WILSHERE

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INTERNATIONAL PREVIEW

OX BACKS CLUB CORE



ENGLAND STAR: Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

FORMER Saint Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain believes England could benefit from having a core of players from a handful of top clubs, as seen with Spain and Germany in recent years.

Both countries boasted a strong axis formed around individuals from two of their best clubs when they won the 2010 and 2014 World Cups, respectively.

A similar situation now appears to be building in the Three Lions set-up, with nine of the current 21-strong squad playing for either for Liverpool or Arsenal.

There are four players from Anfield in the side right now, whereas the Gunners' quintet all began the second half of Thursday's 5-0 defeat of San Marino together after Oxlade-Chamberlain came off the bench.

The midfielder's introduction helped up the tempo and underlined the strong bond with his club team-mates, like when he provided the assist for Danny Welbeck just minutes after the break.

"When you do get to play week in, week out with team-mates and then bring that to international football, just knowing each other, off the pitch and on it, does really help in gelling the team together," Oxlade-Chamberlain said.

"The Germans and the Spanish they've been able to do that. Spain have a big influence from Real Madrid and Barcelona and when you go and watch Spain play it's almost like watching Barcelona or Real Madrid play at times, with the number of

players on the pitch.

"It is a nice thing to have that with Arsenal at the moment. Liverpool have got a good number of players as well.

"It's not just those two clubs, everyone who comes away really does gel in well with the team and helps us to hopefully be successful and do well."

Oxlade-Chamberlain says there is a "really nice feel" to the squad right now, despite the hangover from England's dismal World Cup having yet to fully subside.

The Arsenal midfielder could only watch on helplessly in Brazil after missing the tournament through knee ligament

"Just knowing each other off the pitch and on it, does really help in gelling the team together"

damage sustained in the warm-up clash with Ecuador.

"I guess all I can do is try and make up for lost time," Oxlade-Chamberlain said.

"I did get a lot of experience out of that. It was a disappointing experience for me personally on the injury front and obviously on the bigger scale, as well for

the nation.

"I know what we're playing for again in this qualifying campaign and it does give you the bit between the teeth to try and really push on and keep yourself fit, keep yourself in and about, playing as much as football as possible.

"It's really nice to be in good form – touch wood, I don't want to jinx myself with injuries.

"It's nice to feel good at the moment. I feel fresh and it's important to keep myself that way so I can help the team progress."

Oxlade-Chamberlain will be hoping his display against San Marino could see him start Sunday's qualifier in Estonia, a match few are expecting Hodgson's men to fall short in.

That only fuels former England Under-21s manager Stuart Pearce's belief that eligible players like Oxlade-Chamberlain, Raheem Sterling and Jack Wilshere should be playing for the Young Lions, if Gareth Southgate wants them.

Luke Shaw and Chambers were, in Hodgson's words, "loaned" to the Under-21s for this week's two-legged European Championship play-off with Croatia, only for injury to see the latter bumped back up to the senior squad.

"Why did I come over here?" Oxlade-Chamberlain said with a laugh when asked about the hot potato subject.

"That's a tricky question to answer, obviously. It's for the England manager to put his views on that.

"If he's got boys in the England squad and wants them in and around the England squad that's his choice.

"If he wants to advise them to go and play for the Under-21s then again that's his choice. That's all I can say on that matter."

Roy 'will manage' Sterling

ROY Hodgson has no intention of resting Raheem Sterling for Sunday's game against Estonia, but the England manager insists he will give the Liverpool teenager a break in the future if he feels he is losing his match sharpness.

Sterling (pictured) was one of the few players to emerge from England's World Cup campaign with an enhanced reputation.

The winger is now regarded as one of Liverpool's most exciting players and he is also one of the first names on Hodgson's team sheet.

But the England manager, like his Liverpool counterpart Brendan Rodgers, is aware that Sterling is still just 19 years old and he aims to do everything he can to help the Liverpool player deal with the pressure that comes with being a star for club and country.

"We are conscious of managing the situation," Hodgson said.

"When he shows signs of not being quite as sharp, not doing as well, trying too hard, that might be the moment we think we have to manage this and give him a break."

Although he made it clear he was not telling Hodgson how to do his job, Rodgers spoke of the likelihood that Sterling would need a rest at times this year.

The Liverpool manager has already done that once this season, naming the midfielder on the bench for the Reds' home fixture against Aston Villa.

Rodgers said: "It is human nature there will come periods when they need the rest.

"I would think that Roy and his staff would have a look at things."

Hodgson clearly agrees with the Northern Irishman, but he does not believe this weekend is the time to rest a player who has scored three goals in six Premier League starts.

"I don't think the situation will need managing until he shows signs of suffering from it," said Hodgson (pictured), who only gave Sterling 45 minutes in the 5-0 win over San Marino on Thursday night.

"But that is not the case at the moment and I don't think Liverpool need to worry.

"In the first half against San Marino he was a lively as he could have been.

"At half-time I said 'I am taking you two off' (to Sterling and Jordan Henderson) and they looked a me like 'don't do that - we want to stay on' and that is quite nice."

Sterling was not the only man to impress Hodgson on Thursday night. Andros Townsend got his reward for being "full of beans" in training all week when he banged in England's fourth – albeit against the world's worst international team.



Will tomorrow be time for Clyne?

FROM FRONT PAGE

Clyne will be hoping that he finally gets a taste of the action, in Tallinn, although Chambers will be favourite to line-up at right-back again.

The 19-year-old Gunners defender and Saints academy graduate, who moved to north London for £16m in the summer, appears to have a real chance to nail down a place in the team.

"That's not up to me," he said. "All I can do is play the best I can to get the opportunity to get picked for that.

"I go into training and games and give it 100 per cent to give myself the best opportunity to do that."

Estonia started their qualification campaign with a 1-0 win in Slovenia, but their hopes of springing a surprise in Group E suffered a major setback when they lost 1-0 in Lithuania on Thursday.

The Baltic nation are ranked 92nd in the world, but, unlike San Marino, their players ply their trade professionally across Europe.

They came close to quali-

fying for the last European Championship, but lost their play-off against the Republic of Ireland, so Hodgson believes they could pose an interesting test for England at the A. Le Coq Arena.

"I would be a bit wary of putting Estonia in the same category as San Marino," he said. "They might

surprise people who haven't seen a lot of them.

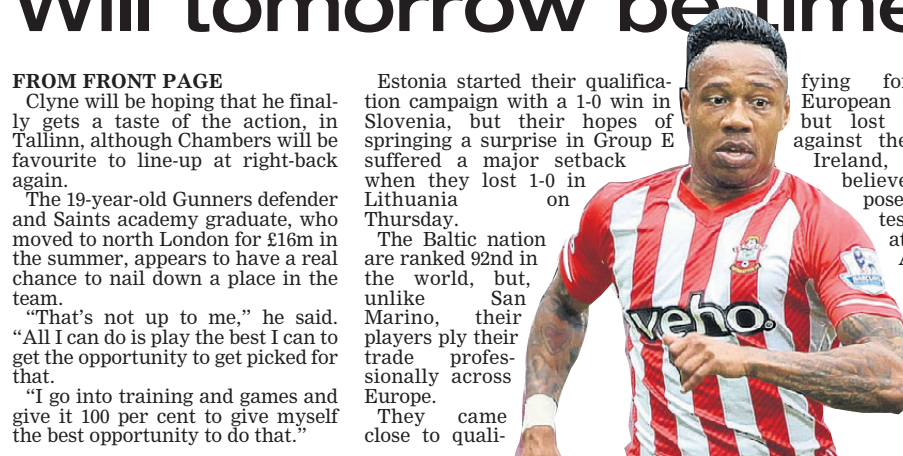
"They're very Scandinavian in their approach, and you know how good the Swedes, Norwegians and Danes have been in terms of work ethic and organisation.

"It will be a bit of a test, but I'm very confident we'll see it through."

England captain Wayne Rooney echoed his manager's thoughts.

"Sunday is an important game," he said. "We are looking forward to it.

"It will be a tough game, we understand that, but we are confident at the moment and we believe we can go there and win."



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Non-league Action

Bentley double is trouble for Rangers

WINCHESTER City proved to be no pushovers against Vanarama South outfit Concord Rangers, but were eventually beaten 3-2 at the Aspect Arena today in the third qualifying round of the FA Cup.

It was truly a David v Goliath tie as City travelled to Essex to face the Beachboys who sit three leagues above them, writes **PETER HOWARD**.

Despite drawing level through hot-shot striker Warren Bentley's, pictured, superb goal, City were behind 2-1 at the break through Steve Cawley's double.

Matt Fry, who was at Eastleigh on a temporary deal earlier this season, put the home side further ahead just past the hour, scoring what proved to be the winner.

But with quarter-of-an-hour left Danny Robinson and Tim Cole's outfit pushed the match to the last as Bentley slotted home from the penalty spot.

While Concord had their fair share of early chances, probably having more clear-cut efforts, Winchester, who reached this stage of the competition for the first time in almost six decades, were chasing every ball and created a few chances of their own.

Bentley was especially energetic and, with strike partner Zach Glasspool capable of holding the ball up against the Beachboys' physical backline, they were able to get in behind on a few occasions in the opening half hour.

Bentley shot low at Concord stopper Aaron Lennox and was involved in some decent link up play with Mike McEnery and Chris Mason. Glasspool also had a curling effort saved.

At the other end, keeper Jason Collins was on red-hot form. He came out well to smother Joe Gardener's ball to Lewis Taaffe, whose shot on the stroke of the interval saw the Winchester custodian pull off an outstanding reaction save.

Collins was on hand with a few more routine stops, while the Conference South side fired a few efforts well over from midfielder James White and Taaffe.

On 32 minutes, just as Winchester looked more



comfortable on the ball, Mason attempted a pass back to his defence just inside Concord territory.

Unfortunately for the centre midfielder man, the ball found Cawley instead. With no City defender in sight, he ambitiously attempted a lob over Collins, who was off his line about to charge at the onrushing striker.

It was a superb effort and looped over Collins's head and into the net.

But it didn't deflate Winchester, who levelled on 38 minutes when full back Ryan Holloway knocked the ball back into the box from a Mason corner. Bentley, with his back to goal, was alert and flicked a superb volley around his marker, as well as stopper Lennox, and into the bottom corner.

After Mason painfully missed an open goal, Concord broke. As Taaffe enticed stopper Collins out he squared to Cawley, who stabbed into an empty net with seconds left of the half.

Keeper Collins continued his fine performance after the break. He came out well and saved as Taaffe broke through one-on-one and shot. The stopper held well from another thumping effort from the Beachboys no9 on the edge of the box.

At the other end, Bentley remained sharp. He weaved through three defenders before dinking in a cross and another effort saw him dig out a shot while surrounded by a number of the Concord backline.

Just past the hour mark Concord were 3-1 up. Fry knocked into the net after Steve King had thundered a header against the bar.

With 15 minutes left, City gave themselves a lifeline when Bentley was taken down in the box. The striker converted from the spot to set up an intense finale.

Glasspool was played in with seconds left but stopper Lennox was out to block. Such was Concord's fear of conceding to City, they spent the closing stages time wasting in the corners.

Vanarama Premier Division: Eastleigh 4 Halifax 1

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

EASTLEIGH ended a three-match winless run in emphatic style to the delight of a 1,498 crowd at the Silverlake Stadium this afternoon.

Having drawn with Bristol Rovers at home and lost away at Wrexham and Barnet, Richard Hill's men finally shot down one of the big guns, scoring three times in the second-half to beat third-placed FC Halifax Town 4-1.

The injury hit Spitfires, still without James Constable, Jack Midson, Jamie Turley and Ben Wright, made two changes from last Saturday's starting line-up at Barnet. Stuart Fleetwood and Will Evans came in with Dan Spence and Chris Todd dropping to the bench.

Eastleigh did most of the early pressing, forcing two corners in the first ten minutes – the second after Craig McAllister had sprayed the ball to Evans on the right of the area and his driven effort was deflected wide.

On ten minutes Halifax's James Bolton looked in vain for a foul as he and McAllister challenged for a bouncing ball near the edge of the visitors' box.

Eastleigh's assistant manager used his body strength well to get round the defender and fire just past the near post.

Halifax had barely threatened when they took the lead via the penalty spot with 16 minutes gone.

Adam Smith tested Ross Flitney with a powerful strike which the Eastleigh keeper couldn't hold. With Danny Hattersley closing in Flitney brought him down as he dived at his feet in a desperate attempt to retrieve the ball and referee Paul Rees pointed to the spot.

Scott BODEN stepped up and blasted the penalty high to Flitney's left.

Lifted by that breakthrough, the Shaymen went on the attack again with Danny Schofield having an initial shot blocked and firing the follow-up straight at Flitney.

But the Spitfires kept their heads and pulled it back to 1-1 with 22 minutes gone thanks to another stroke of brilliance from Jai Reason.

McAllister, who was keeping Halifax occupied with his physical presence was fouled by Bolton on the left.

And with Halifax seemingly still readying themselves for the free-kick, REASON stunned them with an exquisitely arced strike into the near top corner.

With the Shaymen a tad deflated, Eastleigh regained the upper hand with Ben Stevens noddin an effort wide from Reason's assist and the visitors breathing a sigh of relief when Michael Green's dangerous low ball skidded across the rain-sodden box, evading everyone on its way.

Green then hooked a right-footed effort over after Reason and Jamie Collins had helped on an Evans throw from the right.

The Spitfires were desperately unlucky not to take the lead two



CELEBRATION: Stuart Fleetwood after netting Eastleigh's third goal against FC Halifax.

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EASTLEIGH GET A LITTLE EXTRA AGAINST HALIFAX



SHOOTING STAR: Michael Green scores Eastleigh's second goal.

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minutes before the break as Reason and McAllister again made their mark on the game.

McAllister earned a free-kick 40 yards out after being shoved over by Steven Williams.

It was out of shooting range this time, but he instead picked out McAllister unmarked at the far post.

The big targetman met it with a deft header which initially struck the underside of the crossbar and then bounced down and hit the inside of the post before rebound-

ing into open play.

The home side had plenty of possession at the start of the second-half but it was all too cramped to open up the Halifax defence.

But all that changed on 53 minutes when McAllister picked out the run of GREEN bursting down the left.

The attacking full-back raced onto the cross-field pass and made his way into the area before neatly working himself an opening and rifling the ball into the far corner. The Shaymen responded strong-

ly with Hattersley firing over when it looked easier to score and Eastleigh somehow surviving a twin 64th minute assault which saw Flitney brilliantly stop Simon Ainge's header on the line before Paul Marshall's volley struck the crossbar.

Eastleigh were forced into their first substitution on 73 minutes when McAllister took a knock on the ankle and was replaced by Yemi Odubade...

The Spitfires could ill have done with another injury blow, but they made light of it to make it 3-1 on the 76th minute.

Stevens played in FLEETWOOD whose shot took a deflection and hit the bar before looping over keeper Matthew Glennon.

Fleetwood followed up with a driving run and cross from the right that just eluded Collins at the near post.

With determination and confidence flooding through the ranks, Eastleigh were hell bent on scoring a fourth.

It came in the 89th minute when, following industrious play by Evans and Reason on the right, the latter found Fleetwood who arrowed a cross to the far post where STREVENs headed powerfully into the far corner.

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NON-LEAGUE TABLES

Vanarama Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	16	10	3	3	36	13	33
Woking	15	9	3	3	29	14	30
Gateshead	16	8	6	2	28	19	30
Bristol Rvrs	16	8	5	3	20	15	29
FC Halifax	16	8	4	4	28	18	28
Torquay	14	8	3	3	25	12	27
Forest Green	16	7	6	3	21	15	27
K'minster	16	7	5	4	22	15	26
Wrexham	16	8	2	6	21	19	26
Macclesfield	16	6	7	3	19	14	25
Grimsby	16	6	6	4	26	12	24
Eastleigh	15	6	5	4	25	21	23
Lincoln City	16	6	3	7	25	27	21
Braintree Town	15	6	2	7	20	17	20
Aldershot	16	5	5	6	17	18	20
Chester FC	16	6	2	8	16	26	20
Welling	16	4	6	6	22	24	18
Dover	16	5	2	9	18	26	17
Dartford	16	3	6	7	16	23	15
Southport	16	4	3	9	16	28	15
Altrincham	16	4	3	9	16	33	15
Nuneaton	16	4	2	10	12	28	14
Alfreton Town	15	3	1	11	11	32	10
AFC Telford	16	1	4	11	19	39	7

● Includes today's games.

Vanarama South

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Basingstoke	11	8	0	3	20	10	24
Boreham Wood	12	7	1	4	28	13	22
Havant and W	12	7	1	4	21	11	22
Ebbsfleet United	11	6	2	3	17	6	20
Bromley	11	5	3	3	21	16	18
Eastbourne Boro	11	5	3	3	16	14	18
Hayes & Yeading	10	5	2	3	14	13	17
Maidenhead Utd	12	5	2	5	21	22	17
B Stortford	13	4	4	5	20	21	16
St Albans	12	5	1	6	19	20	16
Whitehawk	13	5	1	7	17	20	16
Gosport Borough	9	4	3	2	15	4	15
Concord Rangers	11	4	3	4	18	18	15
Sutton Utd	10	4	2	4	16	17	14
Bath City	10	4	2	4	12	17	14
Chelmsford	11	4	2	5	11	16	14
Farnborough	12	4	1	7	11	21	13
Wealdstone	13	2	5	6	13	23	11
H Hempstead	10	3	2	5	8	18	11
Weston-S-Mare	11	3	2	6	16	27	11
Staines Town	11	3	0	8	18	25	9

● Includes today's games.

Sydenhams Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Petersfield Town	11	9	1	1	31	19	28
Moneyfields	11	8	2	1	36	8	26
Whitchurch Utd	10	8	2	0	31	17	26
Brookenhurst	14	7	3	4	30	25	24
Newport (IoW)	12	7	2	3	27	15	23
Folland Sports	11	7	1	3	24	18	22
AFC Portchester	12	6	2	4	19	16	20
Blackfield & Lang	12	5	4	3	23	17	19
Hornsea	12	5	3	4	22	18	18
Winchester City	9	5	2	2	26	9	17
Lymington Town	14	5	2	7	27	24	17
Hamworthy Utd	13	4	4	5	26	21	16
Bemerton HH	12	5	1	6	18	26	16
Fawley	14	5	0	9	17	30	15
Alresford Town	13	4	2	7	21	25	14
Bournemouth	11	4	2	5	21	30	14
Verwood Town	12	4	1	7	17	24	13
Andover Town	13	4	0	9	15	23	12
Fareham Town	11	1	6	4	14	24	9
Christchurch	13	2	2	9	19	38	8
Totton & Eling	12	0	0	12	11	48	0

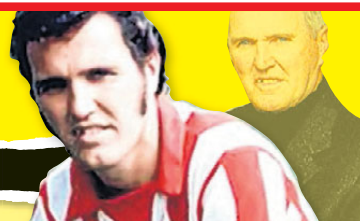
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Sydenhams One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Team Solent	8	6	0	2	19	15	18
Fleet Spurs	7	5	2	0	14	5	17
Tadley Calleva	6	5	1	0	27	3	16
Amesbury Town	7	5	0	2	24	11	15
USs Portsmouth	7	5	0	2	17	14	15
Cowes Sports	5	4	1	0	9	3	13
New Milton Town	6	3	2	1	15	10	11
Ringwood Town	8	3	1	4	14	14	10
Hythe & Dibden	5	2	0	3	6	10	6
Pewsey Vale	4	1	0	3	5	7	3
Laverstock & Ford	6	1	0	5	7	15	3
Romsey Town	5	1	0	4	5	14	3
East Cowes Vics	8	1	0	7	5	31	3
Downton	6	0	2	4	2	9	2
Andover N Street	6	0	1	5	6	14	1

● Includes today's games.

Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football

Pards misses his Cab ... taxi out of Newcastle still likely!

PICTURE this, if you will: the date is Wednesday, January 29, 2014, and somewhere in the city of romance, arguably the best player to pull on a Newcastle United shirt in more than a decade is holding a PSG jersey, for the sake of £19m.

Alan Pardew has just ensured that, by October 2014, he will be under more pressure than any other Premier League manager.

Despite chairman Mike Ashley publicly standing by his manager, and despite Papiss Cisse's recent return to form, rescuing two draws for his under fire manager, the overwhelming feeling is still that his days are limited at the helm of the Magpies.

The question is, where did it all go wrong for Alan Pardew at Newcastle United?

Pardew's career has been a chequered one to say the least, from using the word 'rape' in an inappropriate manner on *Match of the Day* to head-butting Hull's David Meyler, he has often found himself on the wrong side of the newspaper headlines.

ABOMINATION

However, his early days at Newcastle were largely successful, so much so in fact that Ashley was convinced to offer him a ludicrous eight-year contract in September 2012 following a fifth place finish – an offer that Pardew gleefully accepted.

Now, two years later, and with an incredible six years still to run, that deal looks like the abomination that the majority of sane people believed it to be at the time.

Since the loss of Yohan Cabaye last January, Newcastle have won just four Premier League games from a possible 21.

They finished the 2013/14 season in a respectable tenth place, but that belied their performances from January onwards, and they currently sit in 18th, with just four points from seven games.

In the time since they let Cabaye leave, they have also only scored 18 goals, and it is no secret that a lack of firepower is letting Newcastle down.

While it was never Cabaye's job to score the majority of the team's goals, he was exceptionally good at creating chances for others.

BIG LOSS:
Yohan Cabaye.

It is common nowadays for sacked managers to blame a lack of financial support for their subsequent misfortunes and eventual dismissal.

If Pardew is to suffer that seemingly inevitable fate, then he cannot blame his board.

Newcastle spent a very healthy £37.9m this summer attempting to replace what they had lost.

A rudimentary scan of their signings since Pardew took over doesn't suggest a lack of backing.

Obscure European after obscure European are listed, with very few making a serious impression on the Premier League.

Newcastle were able to offset the loss of Demba Ba last season with the loan signing of Loic Remy, but, after his permanent move to QPR, they faced another summer chasing firepower.

They brought in Siem De Jong and Emmanuel Riviere, with little success so far, while De Jong now faces a very

UNDER PRES-SURE:
Alan Pardew.

disappointing four months on the sidelines.

However, the move that attracted the most fanfare this summer was the signing of Remy Cabella from Montpellier.

A classy attacking midfielder with great feet and an eye for a killer pass, he was purchased as Cabaye's natural, if overdue, successor.

Though it is hard to judge a player fully after just seven games, Cabella looks a long way short of Premier League pace and has already received criticism from fans and, perhaps more importantly, his manager, with Pardew himself declaring that more is required from his big-money signing.

And there, in one misjudged interview, may be the essence of where it all went wrong for Pardew at Newcastle.

From a purely football point of view, it is easy to look at the failure to replace Ba and Cabaye.

INTERNET SEARCH

However, perhaps more influential is Pardew's blameless attitude. Through all of the farcical results, headlines and signings, very rarely does he admit any blame.

A simple Internet search of the term 'Alan Pardew Blame' brings up all manner of results, from blaming Cabaye himself for leaving, and blaming chairman Ashley, to blaming the Newcastle fans for being hysterical.

None of this leaves an endearing impression and, after two rotten years with the manager taking very little responsibility, it seems no wonder that time is finally coming down on the Pardew era at St James' Park.



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SUNDAY'S FOOTBALL FIXTURES

UEFA EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying Group C: Ukraine v Macedonia, Belarus v Slovakia, Luxembourg v Spain.
Group E: Estonia v England, Lithuania v Slovenia.
Group G: Austria v Montenegro, Russia v Moldova, Sweden v Liechtenstein.
SKY BET LEAGUE
League 1: Barnsley v Bradford.
TEMPO TRAVEL CITY OF

SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE
Southampton Junior B Cup, second round:
 Portwood United v

Holbury United.
 Charlie Godden
 Trophy, first round: AFC Carnival v Eastpoint, Burridge
 AFC v Portwood United Res, Dorchester Arms v Lyndhurst JFC, Dorchester Manor v Netley RBL, Itchen Albion v AFC Phoenix, Mottisfont v Curbridge, Portsdown v St Minions, Unity v Chamberlayne Athletic Res, Woodside v Marchwood Rangers.
Senior Division: AFC West End v Hamble Roll Call, Bush Hill & Newton Heath 1977 v Yacht Tavern, Cricketers Arms (Fair Oak) v AFC Bursledon, Sholing United v Alderbrook United.
Junior Division 1: AFC Riverside v Chartwell Green, Chamberlayne Athletic v Glen, Ice House v RS Ocean Village, Landguard Rovers v AFC Portsdown, Sky Blues v Titans.
Junior Division 2: Boyatt Wood Wanderers v Itchen Saints, LH Galaxy v Hamble Roll Call Res, Phoenix AFC v Athleticco Tin Hut, Testlands v S&D.
Junior Division 3: AFC Velmore v Young Boys 93/94, EGO v Chartwell Green Res, Fleming Sports v Trant, Hedge End Athletic v AFC Bishopstoke, Test Valley Spartans v Bishops.
Junior Division 4: Carnival UK v Durey, Royale Marine v AFC Southbrook, Shelfside v Otter Sunday.
Division 5: Bitterne Ducks v Brook Park Sports, Southampton Seahawks v Sholing Monks.
Junior Division 6: Bannister Park v Fawley RBL, Hunters Inn v AFC Spitfire, JSC v Sporting Compass.
Junior Division 7: AFC Waterside v Netley RBL, Testwood Tornadoes v AFC Bishopstoke Res.

WINCHESTER & DISTRICT LEAGUE
North Hants Sunday Senior Cup, first round: Halfway United v Basingstoke Saints.
Premier Division: Whalesmead Thistle v Whitenap, South Wonston Swifts v FC Common, FC Central v FC Exchange.
Division 1: Owslebury v Hedge End Hawks, AFC Stoneham v Winchester County, Old House at Home v AFC Corinthians, FILO v AFC Allbrook.
Division 2: Worthies S & S Club v King Alfred, Eastleigh Town v FILO Res, FC Railway v Worthys, Ropley Res v Sutton Scotney.

GOSPORT, FAREHAM & SOLENT LEAGUE
PDFA C Cup: Denmead Wanderers v AFC Dynamo, War Memorial/Brolly Cup
A: Jolly Roger v Lee CC, TML v Go Bowling.
B: Whiteley XI v CMS, Wispers v Whiteley.
C: AFC Alverstoke v C J Glass, Down End v Daedalus.
D: AFC Whiteley v Queens Head United, White Hart v Green Dragon.
RVT v Crofton Saints.
F: Dryden v Wallington Athletic, Borough Town v East Lodge.
G: AFC Seaway v Parkway Athletic.
H: Solent Town v Foresters United, Stubbington v Duke of Connaught's.
I: Heathfield Royals v Fighting Cocks, AFC Onecom v Bridgemary Colts.
J: Castle in the Air v Village Home, AFC Whiteley Res v AFC Gosport Town.
K: AFC Gosport v Heford United.
L: Gosport Wanderers v Bridgemary Eagles, Elson Titans v Village Home Res.
Division 4: MM Sports v Queens Head Raiders.
Division 5: Gipsy Queen v New Inn.

● Football fixtures for the week ahead – see page 33.

SHOOTING STAR:
 Jimmy Case in action for Brighton in 1983.

THE CASE OF

Saints and Liverpool star Jimmy finally reveals his remarkable football story

JIMMY Case has never really been one for too much reflection.

Despite being one of the most decorated English footballers of all time and a living legend, revered in Liverpool and Southampton, he is of a different era to today's footballers.

Case went out and simply "did his job" as a player.

It was job that brought him four First Division titles, three European Cups, a UEFA Cup and a League Cup along with many other honours.

However, unlike many of the current stars of the Premier League, who will almost all achieve considerably less but earn tens of millions in the process, Case has had to work for a living since hanging up his boots.

It wasn't anything out of the ordinary to him. It wasn't until he was 18 and he thought his chances of professional football were gone that he was even picked up by Liverpool for the start of what would be a glittering career on Merseyside.

After Liverpool there were stints at Brighton and, notably, Saints. He was Lawrie McMenemy's final signing for Saints for what proved, after 269 appearances for the team, to be an absolute bargain £30,000.

Case loved his time at Saints, and settled in the area.

He has long been asked to produce an autobiography but has always resisted. Until now.

Hard Case is a remarkable tale, and one which might never have seen the light of day. "It's quite exciting. It's taken a long time," admitted Case. "Sometimes you get a bit fed up with it, and I can't write to save my life but I have enjoyed doing it."

"Over the years I got asked left, right



FAMILY MAN: Jimmy Case with daughter Jodie.

Adam Leitch

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and centre if I wanted to write a book but I have never wanted to talk about myself.

"Up at Liverpool as well there is a guy who has written books with a lot of the players and I just kept getting asked by people about it and in the end I thought 'why not?'"

"I sat down with a dictaphone at the start and started to think there could be something to come out of it and once you get into it it's quite pleasing when you look back."

"I've never been one to keep stuff, I just did my job, but it makes you realise what you did."

Case had a fearsome reputation as a midfield enforcer during his playing days, but has always been known as one of the most modest and down to earth people you could meet away from the pitch, including in

Southampton, a great time in Case's career.

"Without a doubt I enjoyed every minute of it," he said of his time as a player with the club.

"I was getting older – I was still playing at 38 or 39 – and how could you not enjoy being in that Southampton team?"

"I had work horses alongside me in Barry Horne, Andy Townsend and Glenn Cockerill, a good back line with the likes of Micky Adams, Mark Wright, even Neil Ruddock, and Russell Osman, and when you looked at the forward line Matt Le Tissier was on the right, Alan Shearer through the middle and Rodney or Danny Wallace on the left. I won the ball and picked one of them out."

"I enjoyed every minute. I was an older player and I did the job I was brought in for and did it well and crowd were brilliant as well."

"That club prolonged my career with the amount of players coming through to play with me and I always gave them 100 per cent."

The book is as entertaining as it is

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A TRUE LEGEND...



moving at times.

There are countless behind the scenes stories and tales that will have fans laughing.

Case was happy to reveal a couple from his time at Saints.

"There are some stories in there which hopefully people will find funny," he laughed.

"There is one at Southampton about Peter Shilton and Gerry Forrest.

"Peter could be a bit of the big 'I am'.

"We went out for a drink and we were at the Clump in Chilworth and I went out to see if the taxi was ready because we were going to the Malthouse on Stockbridge Road to meet Kevin Keegan, as when the pubs closed early we had a sort of a lock in there.

"When I came back into the pub Shilton had finished a bit of his lager and half choked and spat it back into the glass. He was half drunk from the night before anyway because he'd been drinking brandy.

"Gerry said to him to 'leave that there, you're struggling.'

"Shilts said 'I never f***ing struggle, you're only a second division player.'

"I hadn't heard this and we went to the next pub and Gerry mentioned it.

"Shilts was in the pub sat on a bar stool talking to whoever would listen 'when I'm England manager'.

"I was livid with what he had said to Gerry and we were talking to the locals and I said (to Shilton) 'go and sit down before I knock you down. I will see you up there (the training ground) before training and we'll sort this out.' He never turned up."

Perhaps the biggest disappointment for Case was the manner in which his time at the club ended when Ian Branfoot was in charge.

"I remember when Branfoot was there and my last day," he recalled.

"He said 'I'd like to give you a free transfer.'

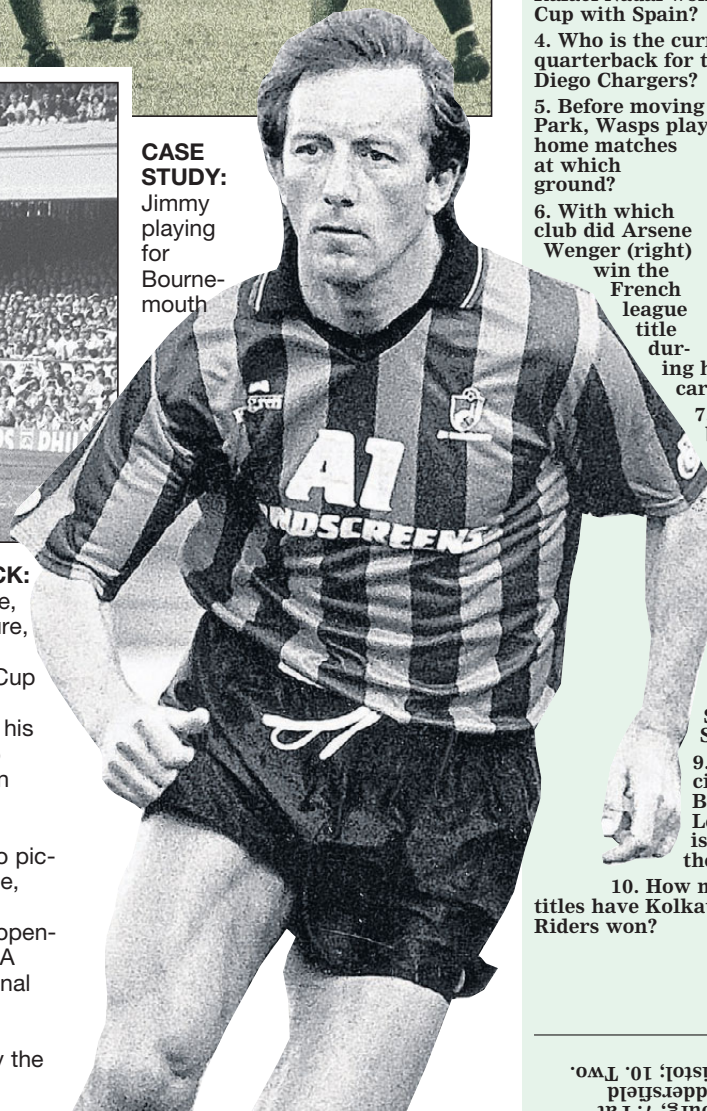
"As the conversation went on I said 'you want to give me a free transfer? Listen, I've been at the club five years and am over the age of 35, I'm entitled to a free transfer. You have given me nothing.' *Cont on page 8*

CASE STUDY:
Jimmy Case, top of picture, scores a shock FA Cup winner for Brighton at his former club Liverpool in 1983.

FLASHBACK:

Jimmy Case, top of picture, scores a shock FA Cup winner for Brighton at his former club Liverpool in 1983.

Case is also pictured, above, scoring Brighton's opener in their FA Cup semi final win against Sheffield Wednesday the same year.



Did You Know?

Test your sporting knowledge

1. West Indies' Dwayne Bravo has played for which two English counties?

2. Which player holds the record for the most caps for the England Under-21 side?



Dwayne Bravo – see question 1

3. How many times has Rafael Nadal won the Davis Cup with Spain?

4. Who is the current starting quarterback for the San Diego Chargers?

5. Before moving to Adams Park, Wasps played their home matches at which ground?



During his playing career?

6. With which club did Arsene Wenger (right) win the French league title during his playing career?

7. Who won back-to-back men's singles titles at the US Open in 1997 and 1998?

8. Which Super League side plays their home matches at the John Smith's Stadium?

9. Which city's British Basketball League team is nicknamed the Flyers?

10. How many IPL titles have Kolkata Knight Riders won?

Answers: 1. Essex and Kent; 2. James Milner (46); 3. four (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011); 4. Philip Rivers; 5. Loftus Road; 6. RC Strasbourg; 7. Pat Rafter; 8. Huddersfield Giants; 9. Bristol; 10. Two.

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Case of a Saints legend revealed

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"He was just a bit arrogant."

Case also wants the book to send out a few messages to others in and around the game, including the importance of high-level non-league football, from where the man himself was discovered by Liverpool. He later had a stint managing Bashley.

"People often come up and ask me about a specific memory they have or about a winning goal and other things people think they know but they don't, and this was a chance to talk about all these things," he reflected.

"I was able to talk about growing up as well and how you do get disappointments.

"I became a footballer but there are hard times and even present-day players will play for Bashley and Salisbury and there was a time before I was a professional when I thought I was past my sell by date.

Important

I was 18 when Liverpool picked me up.

"It's important for people to know that the likes of Eastleigh are vital for those players who have missed the boat, so to speak.

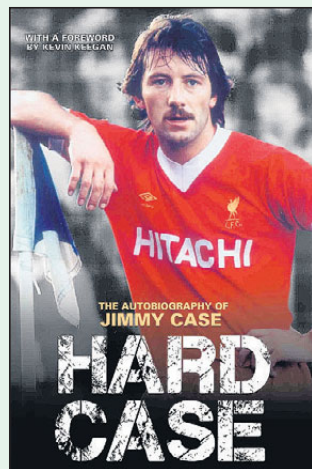
"My team was South Liverpool. It's not there anymore, it's now a park and ride, but these teams are vital.

"You leave your boys' football and aren't a professional and go into men's pub football, and where do you go from there?

"There's a little message in all that really.

"I also talk about Wade Elliott who was a player when I was manager at Bashley.

I got him a trial, he got signed and has had a good career as a professional."



IT'S been a good week for sports books, with high profile autobiographies from Kevin Pietersen and Roy Keane. Of more interest to south coast football fans, though, will be ex-Saints midfielder and one-time Bashley boss Jimmy Case's autobiography. Here, we print an exclusive extract from Hard Case

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I DON'T have any regrets about my life in football.

I stand by the decisions I made, the clubs I chose to play for.

Those decisions kept me playing for more than twenty years, so why should I look back and wonder what if?

But that's not to say there weren't disappointments.

They go hand in hand with any footballer's career: you cannot win every match, take every chance, or make every tackle.

In my mind, there are three major disappointments from a career that covered the best part of seven hundred competitive games, the majority played at or near the top level of English football.

The biggest disappointment would be that I never won the FA Cup, despite playing in two Wembley finals.

I would also count never being selected to play for England at full international level - I thought I was good enough, but others disagreed.



FLASHPOINT: Jimmy Case looks on as Mark Hughes and Russell Osman get to grips.

As for the third... in my six years playing more than two hundred games for Southampton FC, we never won a trophy.

They were great years when I was playing at my peak, surrounded by as talented a bunch of players as any manager could collect at that time.

We had a wonderful blend of youth and experience.

I've told you about the young lads like Shearer, Le Tissier and the Wallaces, but the seam of talent that passed through The Dell during my time there went a lot deeper.

We had Shilts in goal, for a start, and that meant we were always in with a chance against any opposition.

When he moved on Tim Flowers took over and became another top keeper.

Then there were the regulars, like Mick Mills, Mark Wright, Neil

CASE: I WISH SIDE WON A TROPHY



FLASHBACK: Jimmy Case in action for Saints in 1987.



WELCOME TO HELL: Jimmy Case and Glenn Cockerill on a pre season tour of Norway with Saints in the late 80s.

Ruddock, Kevin Bond, Nicky Holmes, Micky Adams, Mark Dennis, Barry Horne, Francis Benali, Gerry Forrest, Russell Osman, Andy Townsend and Glenn

Cockerill.

We were a match for anyone in our day and we came so close, so many times.

During those six years at The Dell



we got to two Cup semi-finals, losing to Liverpool in the FA Cup and Football League Cup; we more than held our own in the old First Division, played in Europe, and under two great managers, Lawrie McMenemy and Chris Nicholl; we were a breath of fresh air, scoring goals for fun.

But at the end of the day, there is nothing to show in the honours column.

We entertained the fans and we gave them moments to cherish and remember, but the bottom line is

SAINTS LEGEND TERRY PAINE HAS HIS SAY - SEE PAGE 5

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MY SAINTS



that we came away empty-handed. Lawrie had signed me from Brighton for £30,000.

I was thirty-one and the transfer was seen by many as a stop-gap deal for he put me on a one-year contract. But I never asked for anything more, I was never given anything longer, and that was fine by me.

I would let my football do the talking and if they could find someone better, fair enough.

Clever guy was Lawrie, he had a knack of persuading big names who were perhaps just past their best to

give life on the south coast a try.

He brought Alan Ball to Southampton ten years after he had won the World Cup and that started a trend that he repeated over and over.

Star players who had been at the big clubs, like Peter Osgood of Chelsea, Ted MacDougall (Manchester United), Charlie George (Arsenal), England captain Mick Mills from Ipswich, Shilts from Forest, and of course the transfer that shook everyone up came when he persuaded Kevin Keegan to

come back to England after his less-than-stellar time at Hamburg.

Like that other fella I played for from the northeast, Bob Paisley, ex-Guardsman Lawrie was also very shrewd.

He had never played at any decent level of football and he knew it was no good him trying to tell players like Keegan, Charlie George, Joe Jordan, Mick Channon and the like how to do their jobs.

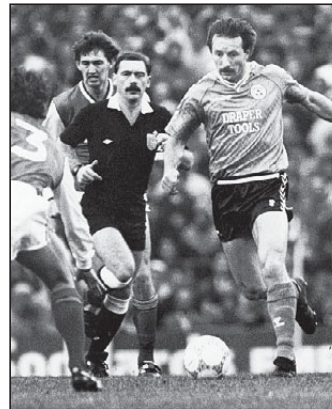
Instead he surrounded himself with the best players he could buy, created the right atmosphere for



LIFE AFTER FOOTBALL:
Jimmy Case on the golf course



ROLLING BACK THE YEARS:
Jimmy Case turns out for an Ex-Saints XI.



ON THE RUN: Jimmy Case at Highbury in 1987.

them to flourish and then let them get on with it.

He would open up team meetings with a few words and then let the senior players take over; he picked the team but allowed the older players to play to their strengths.

His greatest asset in my eyes was that he got good players to play for him and that really is the secret to any team's success.

McMenemy left not long after I joined Southampton.

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Did You Know?



Test your sporting knowledge

1. Who scored Scotland's last goal at a football World Cup, in 1998?
2. Which country will stage the tennis WTA Finals later this month?
3. In athletics, who has been Britain's fastest 100 metres sprinter this year, with a time of 9.96 seconds?
4. Name the European who won golf's Players Championship this year.
5. Jak Wawrzyniak represents England in what sport?



Caroline Wozniacki – see question 9

6. Who scored Holland's goals in their 2-0 victory over the Soviet Union in the 1988 European Championship final?
7. In which sport did Hong Kong win their only medal of the 2012 London Olympic Games?
8. In which city is the University Oval cricket ground?
9. Who beat Caroline Wozniacki in the final to win the 2009 US Open women's singles title?
10. Steve Diamond is director of rugby at which Aviva Premiership club?

Answers: 1. Craig Burley (in a 1-1 draw v Norway); 2. Singapore; 3. Chirindu Ujah; 4. Germany's Martin Kaymer; 5. Lacroix; 6. Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten; 7. New Zealand; 8. Dunedin, Track cycling; 9. Kim Clijsters; 10. Sale Sharks.

YOUTH FOOTBALL PICTURE ROUND-UP - SEE PAGES 30 & 31

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Did You Know?

JIMMY CASE – TOP QUOTES

I was 16 when I started playing for the Blue Union. It was an eye opener. There I was, this skinny teenager coming up against 30-somethings who all wanted to kick lumps off me. It toughens you up.

If you didn't stand your ground you'd get stamped on.

Growing up in that environment, you had to be tough to get through games.

I took that with me to the professional game. I was never scared to get stuck in and remember Joe Fagan and Bob Paisley pulling me to one side at times telling me about the art of tackling and so on.

As Brian Hall once said of me, I was probably the only winger in those days who would win a 50/50 with a full-back, come away with the ball and still manage to get a cross in.

Jimmy Case on his playing style.

I ended up finishing my career playing at Brighton and I was 41 and a half, and I left Liverpool when I was 27 or 28.

I think it was just that - without being controversial - you get in a few scrapes, you're breathalysed and you're caught fighting in a hotel in Wales like me and Ray Kennedy were, and the club didn't look upon that too kindly.

I know it's different nowadays and you can get away with a little bit more, but Sammy Lee was being groomed into my spot and the manager said 'would I like to talk to John Toshack, with a view to a move?'

That was one instance, but I didn't want to go anywhere, so I said, 'Yeah I'll talk to him,' because there was no harm in talking, but within six months of that I was asked 'would I like to talk to Brighton' and you get that little feeling."

Jimmy Case in 2003

"If the game is a language, then Jimmy is undoubtedly a professor."

Jimmy Case's manager at Saints, Chris Nicholl, sums up Case's ability as a footballer.

"Fines, court appearances, jail... we were bad for each other. We had a bit of fun, but we did it at the right time. At hotels, when we asked for the room key, the receptionist would dive under the desk and say: 'Not you two!' Everyone has a pal, but Jim and I went deeper than that. If something went wrong, one of us sorted it out. It was a good friendship."

Ray Kennedy on his former Anfield mate Jimmy Case.

"I won't say he was dirty but certainly the hardest opponent was Jimmy Case. He could certainly look after himself. He was very clever about it as well."

Former England skipper Bryan Robson, when asked who was the dirtiest opponent he had ever faced.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Jimmy Case proudly holds the Saints trophy aloft



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I played the last ten games for him until the end of the season before he went off to join Sunderland.

Ex-Saints defender Chris Nicholl took over and he carried on the good work.

I got on well with Chris. I was getting older by then, I was thirty-one, maybe thirty-two, and there were some who were expecting me to slow down, to be there just when needed.

I suppose it's understandable that they didn't see me as someone who would play virtually every game, season after season.

But I saw it differently and so did Chris.

In fact, I will never forget the day he called me into his office and made me captain.

Smart move that, and I was made up.

I was determined never to let him down nor give him an excuse to say, 'Well, Jimmy, I think your time is up.'

At the end of each season most club managers ask their captains into the office for a chat about the team and last season's performance, etc. And I always asked him: 'Are you going to buy another midfielder? If you do, I will see him off as well.'

But there were also a couple of occasions when I said to Chris that if we were to go on and do something meaningful and actually win something, we would need at least two more players of a certain quality.

And when it came to renewing my contract, I would go into his office armed with the programme from the last game of the previous season, which had all the appearances printed in it.

'Look here,' I pointed to the list. 'I've missed two games... and that was when Robbie James fell on me! If that doesn't warrant a new contract then I don't know what does.'

Chris never said anything, he would just slide a piece of paper across his desk and when I looked, it had my basic salary figure, plus bonuses, written down.

That was good enough for me: no arguments, no negotiations, I signed on for another year.

That's not to say we always saw eye to eye. Chris was a real student of the game and he was one of the first to latch on to the notion that diet was important, especially what you ate before a match.

I had always been a steak man, but Chris had read somewhere that pasta was the ideal preparation.

I remember the first time he took us to a local Italian restaurant before a big game and ordered pasta for everyone.

I told him I wanted a fillet steak same as usual. 'Steak is no good for you,' said Chris. 'It takes eighteen hours to digest and it affects the blood flow to various muscles.'

I just looked at him and then reminded him of all the medals I had won at Liverpool, eating steak before a match.

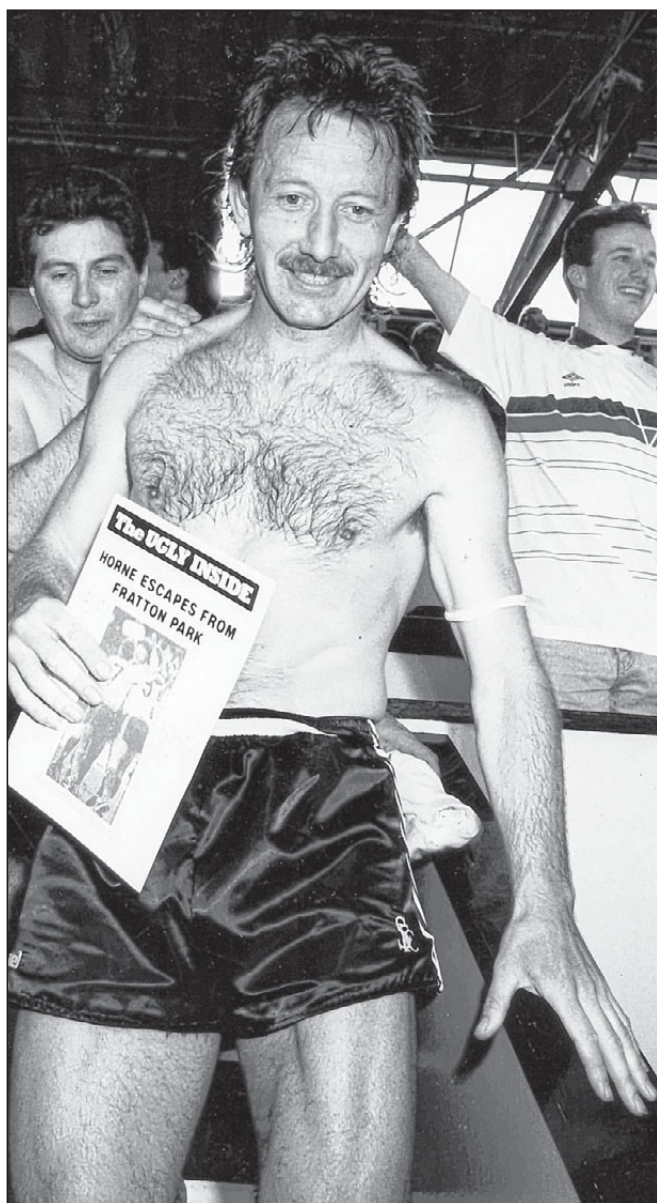
Enough said, I got my steak!

And it was the same with training. I've always kept myself fit, but I preferred to work with the ball. One day, Chris brought along this England international sprinter, can't remember his name, to try to build up our speed off the mark.

He had us running hundred metre sprints: focus on a point at the end of the track, start low, pump your arms,

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LOOKING BACK: Jimmy Case pictured during his career at Saints



MY DELIGHT AT BEING CAPTAIN

point your fingers. 'Hey,' I said. 'I'm 34. It's a bit late to try to get an extra yard of pace out of me!'

And that's the trouble with the game today. They are trying to turn out athletes at the expense of flair; the emphasis is on fitness and I think coaches should concentrate on ability.

Here's some examples: Matt Le

Tissier - he was never the fittest of players, but he was a genius on the ball.

Lionel Messi - he doesn't look like a footballer, he looks overweight, doesn't work that hard, but he is the best in the world.

Jimmy Greaves - back in the day, his work ethic was non-existent but, put him in front of goal, and he

rarely missed. He was a fantastic player.

Fans want to see skill, tricks and great goals, not robots who just do what the manager tells them to do.

Sadly, that is what is wrong with England.

Back to Southampton and, as I was saying, my one disappointment was that I couldn't help Chris put some

silverware on the table.

The fans who packed into The Dell and created a really intense atmosphere on big game days certainly deserved it, and so did the players.

We gave them something to shout about and we entertained them, most of the time, but we couldn't quite break out of the middle-of-the-table pack.

We were never quite consistent enough to get among the boys at the top of the League, although we were good enough, on our day, to give any of them a hiding.

In 1986 we got through to the semi-final of the League Cup, I think it was known as the Littlewoods Cup that year, and on the way we came up against Manchester United in a replay at The Dell.

It was possibly my best game in a Saints' shirt and one I look back on with great satisfaction... but then again, I always remember the wins over that lot.

Did You Know?

JIMMY CASE'S SAINTS LEAGUE CAREER

1984/85

Signed by Lawrie McMenemy, Case makes his Saints league debut in a 5-1 loss at Tottenham in March 1985.

He makes 10 First Division appearances, scoring his first goal in a 2-1 defeat at Newcastle in April.

1985/86

Case is a regular under new manager Chris Nicholl, appearing in 36 of Saints' 42 First Division games as the club finish 14th.

Case scores twice, in a 3-0 home win over Manchester City in September 1985 and again in a 3-2 Dell loss to Sheffield Wednesday the following April.

1986/87

Case is even more of a regular in his second full season at The Dell, making 39 starts out of a possible 42 as Saints finish 11th in the top flight.

He scores three goals, one in a 3-1 win at Charlton, one in a 3-1 loss at Oxford United and the third in a 2-0 home win over Coventry City.

1987/88

Yet again the veteran Case is a regular, making 37 starts and one sub appearance out of a possible 40 top flight appearances.

This season, though, Case fails to trouble the scorers as Saints finish 12th.

1988/89

Case starts 34 of Saints' 38 First Division games, but again fails to get his name on the scoresheet as Chris Nicholl's men finish 13th - just two places below Manchester United.

1989/90

Despite celebrating his 35th birthday in May 1989, Case is again a regular for Saints as they finish seventh in the top flight in the midfielder's fifth full season at The Dell.

He makes 33 starts, out of a possible 38, and scores three goals.

The most memorable, for Case anyway, was the one which gave Saints a 2-1 lead at his former Anfield home.

There was to be no happy ending for Case, though, as Liverpool hit back to win 3-2 thanks to a Kevin Moore own goal and an Ian Rush winner.

1990/91

Case makes 24 starts out of a possible 38, plus another as a sub.

He scores once, in the very last game of the season - a 1-1 home draw against Wimbledon.

It turns out to be Case's last appearance for Saints.

In the summer a new manager, Ian Branfoot, is appointed and one of his first moves is to tell the 37-year-old Case his great Dell career is over.

The player promptly signs for AFC Bournemouth.

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SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2014/15



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Sat 23 West Brom	D 0-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Schneiderlin	Wanyama	Tadic	S Davis*	W-Prowse**	Pelle	Long*	Cork**	
Tues 26 Millwall (LC 2)	W 2-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Targett	S Davis	Wanyama**	Isgrove*	Long***	W-Prowse	Pelle 1	Tadic*	Cork**	Ramirez***
Sat 30 West Ham	W 3-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Schneiderlin 2	S Davis	Tadic	W-Prowse**	Long*	Pelle 1	Ramirez*	Cork**	
SEPTEMBER															
Sat 13 Newcastle	W 4-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork 1***	Schneiderlin 1	S Davis	Tadic**	Long*	Pelle 2	Wanyama*	W-Prowse**	Gardos***
Sat 20 Swansea	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida*	Bertrand	Cork**	Schneiderlin	W-Prowse***	Tadic	Long	Pelle	Gardos*	S Davis**	Wanyama 1***
Tues 23 Arsenal (LC3)	W 2-1	Forster	Clyne 1	Fonte	Gardos	Targett**	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic 1	Mane*	Pelle	Long*	Bertrand**	
Sat 27 QPR	W 2-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand 1	Wanyama	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic***	Mane*	Pelle 1	Long*	Cork**	Targett***
OCTOBER															
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KELVIN DAVIS	0	0	0	0	292(1)	0	HARRISON REED	0	0	0	0	1(7)	0	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0	0	0	0	3(10)	1
FRASER FORSTER	7	0	2	0	9	0	MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	7	3	1	0	208(31)	13	GRAZIANO PELLE	7	4	2	1	9	5
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Adam Rant



This week's big talking points
with **Adam Leitch**



ANONYMOUS STARS: At an Ironman event.

The best athletes you can't name...

IN THE early hours of Sunday morning, arguably the most fantastic athletes on the planet will be crowned for the year, yet most people will know nothing about it.

Their names are unlikely to prick public consciousness, other than with those who participate in their sport.

However, their achievements are amongst the most remarkable in sport.

This weekend is the Ironman World Championship in its revered home of Kona, Hawaii. The competitors battle it out over the long course triathlon distance of a 2.4 mile open water swim, a 112 mile bike and then run a marathon.

As well as the professional men and women racing for the ultimate title, qualifying age groupers from around the world will turn out for their own little bit of glory and slice of history. It's one of the things that makes triathlon so great, especially the long distance stuff. Where else could you race the same course, the same race, on the same day as the very best in the world? Just try getting a round with

Tiger Woods, better still in the Masters.

Try getting a game alongside Messi, even better in the Champions League.

Obviously, it won't happen.

Yet these guys and girls are the most incredible athletes on the planet. They knock almost every other sportsman to the sidelines.

They have to be ultra fit but fast and flexible, have incredible endurance but also power and speed. It takes total dedication, the like of which most professional sports people will never be asked for let alone consider giving.

And all the while many of the other, far lesser athletes, will coin in the cash while these guys earn a modest income, the winner setting up themselves up for a comfortable few years but the others barely making enough to scrape a living worthy of the name.

And, what's more, we have a host of brilliant English women, one of whom might just get the biggest prize of all.

Don't expect to hear about it any time soon though.

THE GOOD OF THE TEAM?

WE HAVE learned a lot this past week about the England cricket team and, most likely, an insight into the reasons they were so comprehensively stuffed in Australia and have continued to struggle since.

The release of Kevin Pietersen's autobiography was always likely to be an explosive moment, and so it has proved.

At this stage we only have his word for it all, but the extra tales, embarrassingly executed leaks and the reaction, or lack of it, from others has told its own story.

In amongst some of the more juicy and salacious bits that Pietersen coughed up is a basic principle that underpins all of this, and has barely been spoken about. It's one of being in a team.

Anybody who has ever played a team sport will know one thing for certain – the players rarely all get on.

Even if you are at a local level there are still clashes, differences in the way people behave, their standards and expectations, their egos too. That is a given.

When you talk about the England cricket team you then have to consider that these guys are away from home for months on end living with each other.

Adam Rant can think back to the days when he played team sports

rather than individual ones, and can think of a great many occasions when one of his own side have annoyed him.

It might have been something that was said or done away from the field, it might have been something that was or was not done out on the pitch.

Either way, clashes are inevitable.

However, at the end of the match and after a shower and chat, most of us get to go home and resume our normal lives, from which sport is an escape.

We don't see our teammates together again for another few days, maybe even weeks or months.

TRAUMAS

Imagine having those tensions and traumas, which are only intensified by the pressure cooker environment of playing international sport, and then having to spend months on end with the same people.

Back at the hotel it's the same people, at dinner it's the same people, socialising it's the same people, get up for breakfast it's the same people, back at the ground or practising, yes, the same people.

It's an interesting insight into dressing rooms for those not close to professional sport.

To the outside world, to the fans, many people imagine that the majority of sporting dressing rooms are harmonious, especially those at the top level. Professionalism surely is the order of the day.

That is so far from the truth it is unreal.

What the general public do not get to see is the arguments, spats, tiffs and rows, the bust ups and punch ups, the cliques that emerge and the moaning and complaining about other teammates that is absolutely inevitable.

It's only on a few rare occasions that it gets so out of hand that one party or the other, somebody caught in the crossfire, or a journalist fed up with hearing the private complaints decides to make it public.

Anybody thinking that Pietersen's tales of dressing room divisions are something unique to the England cricket team needs to think again.

But for all of that there has to be a question over the management of this whole situation.

What seems abundantly clear is that problems had existed for some time, even when England were still enjoying a run of success, and were not correctly addressed.

Winning may have papered over the cracks, but if they were there then they were always going to get exposed at some point.

It's one thing accepting the inevitability of cliques and divisions in a team, it's quite another letting them rot to the extent they appear to have done within the England set-up.

A Ron-going story

AS IT seems to be a story forever in the media with no likely end in sight, Adam Rant would like to summarise everything we

have been told about the situation regarding Cristiano Ronaldo so we don't have to read about it anymore until

something actually happens.

He will either stay at Real Madrid, go to Manchester United or something else entirely.



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Adam Rant



This week's big talking points
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BROUGHT TO BOOK: Kevin Pietersen's autobiography has raised questions about the England cricket set-up

It may be in the coming days that people try to play down Pietersen's accusations and claims, but ultimately the results speak for themselves.

In the period largely under closest scrutiny, England were a total and utter shambles on the field. It was such a low point they have barely recovered still.

They were a team that seemed to lack all belief and conviction, any semblance of confidence, and were, frankly, humiliated by the Australians.

The real failing here is that it should never have been allowed to get to this point.

Pietersen may have been a divisive figure, but it was far from just everybody else against him.

The divisions appeared much more evenly spread out than

that. And to try and hush him up for a while with a confidentiality clause was a huge error and has only meant wounds reopened rather than a painful but short bloodletting when Pietersen was kicked out.

SYMPATHY

Despite things getting seemingly out of hand if Pietersen's account is correct, you can have some sympathy with Andy Flower.

You just need to listen to the likes of Lawrie McMenemy to understand how hard it is to manage top level players. He had a collection of brilliant international footballers to keep in check.

And he would probably agree that at that level your job is

about five per cent coaching and 95 per cent managing.

If you don't find a way to keep your squad as harmonious as possible, allowing for the odd spat and the fact players might not get on but finding a way through that, then you have major difficulties.

It festers for too long then things rot and fall apart.

Pietersen's book gives a fascinating account through one man's eyes of what went on.

But while it may be enjoyable for the public to read these inside accounts, those in charge must ask how did it get like this, how do we repair the damage and how can we stop it happening again?

It's been a catalogue of errors and mishandling and it should never happen again.



LEGEND: Jimmy Case.

Best Case scenario...

ONE of the fringe benefits of being a sports journalist is that you do occasionally get to meet some really interesting people. Covering Premier League football is a weird existence in that you are kept at arm's length from the players much of the time and so your interaction is limited.

However, outside of that managers and former players are always interesting to talk to.

Adam Rant recently had the pleasure of speaking to a couple who deserve a mention.

Firstly, on Sunday, there was Mauricio Pochettino.

His name is not one widely welcomed around these parts at the moment but he did a great job at Saints before leaving for Tottenham.

For whatever the rights and wrongs of that situation, he was class personified up at White Hart Lane.

Before, during and after the game he was nothing other than gracious and respectful towards Southampton.

He didn't try and blank former friends or rise above it all and give it the big one, and whatever you think of his decision to go to Tottenham, it was an impressive display.

Adam Rant also had the chance this week for a chat with Jimmy

Case, prompted by the release of his autobiography.

To say Case is a legend is somewhat an understatement.

His list of honours is remarkable. He is one of the most decorated English footballers of all time. He was also quite brilliant for Saints in his role as holding midfielder, experienced head and general hard man to lead a bright young team under Chris Nicholl.

Yet for all that he is about the most modest and genuine guy you could ever meet. Indeed, never would you meet anybody so unassuming.

It actually gets to the point where you start wondering whether he actually did win all these amazing trophies. You almost feel like he deserves a bit of arrogance or cockiness, like he somehow seems incomplete without it given everything he has done.

Having heard a few tales firsthand, his book, aptly named *Hard Case*, sounds like a cracking read.

For any Saints fan over the age of 30 it's a must for Christmas if you can wait that long. It will be a nice insight into a remarkable career and a remarkable man.

It is fantastic when high level professional sport throws up these gems.

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Saints Spotlight



ALAN SHEARER



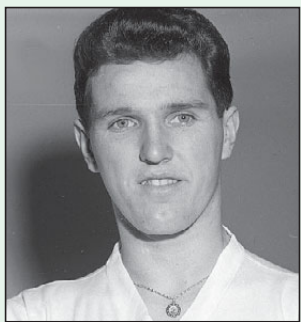
CB FRY



MICK CHANNON



ALF RAMSEY



TERRY PAINE

NATHANIEL Clyne will have to wait a little longer before he joins an exclusive band of players who have made their senior England international debuts while at Saints.

The right back was heavily tipped to make his debut in Thursday's European Championship win against minnow San Marino at Wembley.

But surprisingly manager Roy Hodgson chose to play former Saint Calum Chambers there.

Chambers had made his name as a right back at St Mary's last season, but has been impressing for Arsenal in 2014/15 at centre half.

Due to England's 5-0 win, Hodgson is expected to keep Chambers at right back for Sunday's European Championship encounter with Estonia.

Clyne had been hoping to add his name to the 25 Saints who have made their senior England debuts while at the club, a list stretching back to the very start of the last century.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at all the men on the list Clyne is aiming to one day add his name too.

ARTHUR TURNER

The Hartley Wintney man became the first Hampshire-born player to appear for England, in 1900, at the end of his first season of Southern League football for Saints.

ARTHUR CHADWICK

The man who went on to become Saints manager won his two caps in 1900 against Scotland and Wales.

CB FRY

One of the greatest sporting all-rounders of all time, Fry represented England at both cricket and football, as well as playing in an FA Cup Final for Saints and equalling the then-world record for the long jump.

His only England football cap came in 1901 when Ireland played at The Dell.

Saints teammate Jack Robinson – who had previously played for England while with another club – was in goal.

GEORGE MOLYNEUX

His first appearance for England was subsequently scrubbed from the record books.

Playing against Scotland at Rangers' Ibrox in April 1902, the game was abandoned after part of a new stand collapsed, killing 25 fans. Molyneux played in the 2-2 draw at Villa Park when the game was 'replayed' the following month.

BERT LEE

Made his only England appearance in a 2-2 draw against Wales in Wrexham in 1904.

FRED TITMUSS

Made his debut against Wales when Saints were in the old Third Division South in March 1922. Won just two England caps.

BILL RAWLINGS

Also made his debut for England in the same game as Titmuss.

SAINTS' LIST

The international hall of fame that Nathaniel Clyne hopes to join soon



WINNING GOAL: Rickie Lambert rises to score against Scotland on his England debut

As a result, it was the first time that two players from the third tier had ever appeared in the same England side.

TOM PARKER

Born in Southampton in 1897, Parker played and managed Saints and was still living in the city when he passed away in 1987 aged 89.

Made his solitary England appearance against France in May 1925.

ALF RAMSEY

The man who later managed

England to the World Cup was a Saints player when he made his playing debut for the England senior team in December 1948 against Switzerland at Highbury. He went on to win 30 more caps.

BILL ELLERINGTON

The right back made his England debut in May 1949, three years after making his Saints debut. Ellerington won only one more cap, in the same month.

TERRY PAINE

Paine made his debut in 1963 and

later that year scored a hat-trick against Northern Ireland at Wembley.

Made the last of his 19 appearances – which included seven goals – in the 1966 World Cup tournament against Mexico at Wembley.

MICK CHANNON

Made the first of his 46 England appearances against Yugoslavia at Wembley in 1972, alongside future Saints Peter Shilton, Alan Ball and Mick Mills.

Went on to score 21 goals, the last of which was a penalty in the infa-

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Saints Spotlight



OF LIONS...



mous 2-1 home loss to Scotland where the visiting fans invaded the Wembley pitch and broke the crossbar.

Channon remains the highest capped England international of all time never to have played in a World Cup or European Championship finals campaign.

MARK WRIGHT

The centre half, signed by Lawrie McMenemy from third tier Oxford United in 1982, made his England debut two years later in a 1-0 Home International defeat

against Wales in Wrexham.

Wright, sold to Derby in 1987, won 45 senior England caps, scoring one goal – in a 1-0 World Cup finals win against Egypt in Italia 90.

DANNY WALLACE

Selected for the England team for the friendly against Egypt in Cairo in February 1986, the Saints winger scored in a 4-0 victory and never played again.

STEVE WILLIAMS

The Dell midfielder won six

England caps, the first coming in a June 1983 friendly against Australia.

ALAN SHEARER

Shearer scored on his England debut in a 2-0 win for Graham Taylor's side against France at Wembley in February 1992.

Shearer was sold to Blackburn for £3.3m later that year and scored 30 goals in 63 appearances for his country before retiring from international football after Euro 2000.

TIM FLOWERS

The goalkeeper made the first of his 11 England appearances in a 1-1 friendly draw with Brazil in June 1993 – several months before he was sold to Blackburn for £2.4m

MATT LE TISSIER

Many Saints fans still consider it a near criminal offence that Le Tiss only won eight senior England caps, the first of which came in March 1994 in a 1-0 win against Denmark at Wembley.

WAYNE BRIDGE

The Saints left back was 21 when he made his England debut in a 1-1 draw against the Netherlands in Amsterdam in February 2002.

Went on to win 36 caps, his last coming in November 2009.

JAMES BEATTIE

Made his England debut in February 2003 on the same night as Wayne Rooney in a 3-1 home defeat to Australia at Upton Park. Beattie eventually won five England caps.

PETER CROUCH

Was still a Saints player when Sven Goran-Eriksson handed him his first cap in a May 2005 friendly against Columbia in America. He left to join Liverpool a few weeks later.

Only a year older than Rickie Lambert is now, the Stoke striker has scored an impressive 22 goals in 42 appearances for his country.

RICKIE LAMBERT

Made a dream England debut at the age of 31 when he came on at Wembley and scored the winning goal against Scotland with his first touch in August 2013.

Was taken to the World Cup in Brazil and has continued to be a member of Roy Hodgson's squad, despite some thinking that his age – he is now 32 – may count against him.

ADAM LALLANA

Found a run of form for the national side at just the right time to get himself in the World Cup squad.

Lallana didn't make his England debut until the 2-0 defeat by Chile but did enough to catch the eye and earned great praise from Roy Hodgson before being taken to Brazil, where he featured in all three of England's matches.

JAY RODRIGUEZ

Like Lallana, he made his debut in the Chile game, playing the first 57 minutes.

Rodriguez admitted his disappointment at the match and unfortunately has been made to wait for a chance to put it right due to his ACL injury which has kept him out of action for much of this year.

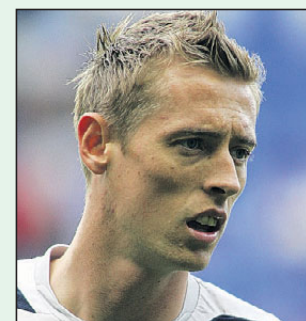
LUKE SHAW

Was given a taste of international football as a half time substitute as England defeated Denmark 1-0 at Wembley in March.

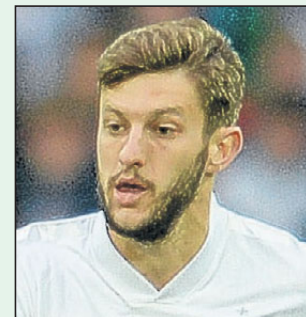
It was enough to convince Roy Hodgson to leave Ashley Cole out of the England World Cup to take Shaw to Brazil, where he played in the goalless draw against Costa Rica.



MATT LE TISSIER



PETER CROUCH



ADAM LALLANA



JAY RODRIGUEZ



LUKE SHAW

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Non-league Football

PLENTY OF MILES

Well-travelled Stanley reckons his best is yet to come at Eastleigh

CRAIG Stanley's well-travelled and fascinating football career has taken him all over England, and beyond.

What's more, at the outset of his time with Eastleigh, the midfielder, who in July became Spitfires boss Richard Hill's fourth summer signing, has shown a willingness to cover many a mile in the course of each 90 minutes he spends on the pitch.

Added to his reassuring knack for rapidly moving the ball on to a fellow blue shirt and his palpable competitive spirit, Stanley is surely set to become a Silverlake Stadium favourite. It is something of a surprise, then, to learn that the 31-year-old's contribution has not always met with an approving response from supporters of his former clubs. The player has his own theory on why that might be, **writes PAUL MCNAMARA.**

"I think maybe just because I'm workmanlike in midfield. I keep things simple and work hard. Sometimes I don't think fans appreciate that. I think that some fans look at a player who takes two people on and shoots miles over the bar, and they'd rather see that than a player who wins a tackle or a header and then plays it out wide.

"I've done all right for myself though. It has taken a while at other clubs to win fans over. But, stats don't lie and my CV is very good. When you play in front of as many people as we do, then not everybody is going to like you. The main thing, though, is that the manager likes you. Yes, you want to be liked on and off the field, but as long as the manager is picking you, week in, week out, that is all you care about."

Stanley had no problem making a positive first impression with the Spitfires. His all-action display and debut goal were significant factors in Eastleigh's 3-0 win at Nuneaton Town in August, on what was the club's maiden appearance in non-league's top flight.

Forced off prematurely after picking up an injury, though, that day would finish on a low note for the former England 'C' international.



QUICK TO IMPRESS: Craig Stanley celebrates his goal against Nuneaton in August.

'I was made captain, even though I was only there on loan'

"Scoring in my first game here helped, and I think I played well. But it was disappointing getting injured. I've not had many injuries, but the ones I have had have been quite serious. I had torn the ligaments in my heel.

"The games I've played in since I've come back, I think I've done OK. It's now a case of getting fitter with each game. It's a bit like doing a pre-season all over again. Within the next few weeks, hopefully I'll be as fit as I can possibly be and Eastleigh will get better performances from me than they have so far."

Notwithstanding his conviction that he hasn't always got off to a fast start at a new home, Stanley did just that when he departed youth club Walsall in 2003 for a loan

spell north of the border with Scottish second-tier side Raith Rovers.

"It wasn't the making of me, as such (his time in Scotland), but it did make me realise how difficult football can be. Not because of the

standard, but I had just been used to playing youth and reserve team football. When you go to play first-team football for the first time, in a competitive league against fully grown men, and you're still only 20 or 21 and haven't come up against that, it is extremely difficult. But I enjoyed my time there.

"I was made captain, even though I was only there on loan. It was a good experience for me.

"I don't think you very often hear of a loan player being captain of the team, so that was pleasing – and the manager was very good.

Looking back on it now, Antonio Calderon (now managing his former club Cadiz in Spain) is one of the best coaches I've worked with. His methods were some of the best I've worked under."

After his six months with Raith and a subsequent short spell at Telford United, Stanley signed for Hereford United – the club where he really began to make his mark.

"I think that's where people started to see me playing regularly in England. You can get forgotten up in Scotland. I would never say to players, especially young lads in England, if the chance comes up to go to Scotland, 'don't do it'. But Hereford is where I started to play regular football.

Working under Graham Turner and John Trewick, who are two very good coaches, I had good times there and it was a good two-year spell for me."

Those two years, from 2004 to 2006, culminated in fine style. Stanley was part of the Hereford team,

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LEFT ON CLOCK ...



ABOVE: Craig Stanley's (not in shot) goal against Nuneaton.

LEFT: Craig Stanley, right of picture, in action for Bristol Rovers.

RIGHT: All smiles during an Eastleigh training session.



Redbridge (Dagenham won the semi-final first leg 6-0, going through 7-2 on aggregate).

"We established ourselves as a proper League Two club though. Personally, you just want to make your name and I did that. The time at Morecambe ended on a sour note. The way I was treated at the end was, I thought, a bit disrespectful again."

Asked to expand on the unsatisfactory conclusion to his time in the north-west, Stanley is particularly forthright.

"Sammy McIlroy just decided I wasn't part of his plans – even though, when he called me into his office during the January transfer window (in 2011), I'd played almost every game for him. He said that I was never going to play for him again. He offered no reason why, and just said he thought it was going to be better for him to bring other players in."

"All my time at Morecambe, there were other midfielders coming in and I always played. It was still touch and go as to whether I would go to Torquay (where he spent the remainder of the 2010/2011 season on loan). It's miles away from

'Sammy McIlroy just decided I wasn't part of his plans'

where I was, but I spoke to Paul Buckle (Torquay's then boss) and, after he had sold the club to me, I went down there and the time I was there, I played the best football that I have in my career.

"Everything I did, everything I tried, came off. I think in the four months I was there we only lost one or two games."

Despite the nature of his exit from Morecambe, it is a club that Stanley evidently still holds close to his heart.

Moreover, he considers the Shrimps – whose 2007 promotion took them into the league for the first time in their, then, 87 year history – to be a perfect role model for his current employers.

"There are a lot of similarities (between the two clubs). Morecambe was a non-league club, but now they're fully established as a League Two club. Jim Bentley (the team's manager) is doing a great job. He's a good friend of mine. They're one of the teams whose results I look for first. When you spend the period of time that I did there you're always going to keep an eye on how they're doing. I've still got fond memories of Morecambe and go back there to see people.

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which also included current teammates Dean Beckwith and Stuart Fleetwood that won a dramatic play-off final against Halifax Town at Leicester City's Walkers Stadium.

Unlike Beckwith and Fleetwood, though, Stanley didn't stay at Edgar Street to taste League Two action with the Bulls, opting instead to move on to Morecambe.

"In two seasons, I played over 100 games for them (Hereford), and the contract they offered me wasn't what I wanted it to be. I wanted to be on the same sort of money as some of the other players were."

"At that time I was offered a £50 (per week) increase. I wasn't asking for fortunes. I just wanted the same as the other players and, with my record there, I think the offer of a

'I think the offer of a £50 increase was disrespectful'

£50 increase – and my money had stayed the same in the second year there – was disrespectful to me."

Regardless of financial considerations, it was a huge call to make a switch that could have easily been viewed as a backwards step.

Nevertheless, Stanley was convinced that it wouldn't be long before his new club would make their own leap into the Football League. His faith was well placed.

"Morecambe came in for me. We'd beaten them in the play-off semi-finals, a very close game (4-3 over two legs) which maybe Morecambe could have won. So I knew they were a very good side and financially it was a very good offer for me."

"People can say, 'Why didn't you want to go into the league and make your name as a league footballer'. But I was always confident, going to Morecambe, that they could have been a league team in the season that Hereford were promoted anyway."

"When I spoke to Sammy McIlroy (then manager at Morecambe), he talked about keeping the players

that were there and investing further. I knew, with his name and what they were trying to do, that he would do that. In that year, especially, we had a good squad and deserved to get promoted – which we did. And, to play at the new Wembley (where the Shrimps beat Exeter City 2-1 in the play-off final) was a dream come true."

Past his 24th birthday by then, Stanley was eager to be a Football League player.

"You do want to prove yourself. I had done that in the Conference, and played a lot of football during the three years I was in that division. To play in League Two was a big thing. We got to the play-offs with Morecambe (in 2010), although we didn't do ourselves justice there, getting spanked by Dagenham &

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Golf day for Andy

A GOLF day has been arranged next month for former Bashley, Poole Town and Wimborne Town player Andy Culliford.

The popular midfielder (pictured) was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2011 and all funds raised will help his treatment.

The Tuesday, November 11, fundraiser will take place at the historic 18-hole championship golf course at Meryrick Park, Bournemouth.

Teams of three are welcome and players will be partnered with a footballing hero to make up a team of four.

Entry to The Brit Charity Golf Day is £55 per person, including golf and lunch.

To book, contact Suzy Wheeler or Dave Cameron on 07866 489585 or at info@thebritpub.com.



Stalwart signs

FORMER Wimborne and Hamworthy United stalwart Dan Haysom has been a welcome addition at the heart of the Christchurch defence.

"Dan has played the past few games and done well," said Adie Arnold (pictured), boss of the second-to-bottom Sydenhams Premier Division club.

"But I am still looking to strengthen defence even further with another signing shortly," he added.

"I am confident that, with a little more belief, we can climb the table quickly."

Christchurch bowed out of the FA Vase last Saturday, beaten 2-1 at Calne Town.

Defender-turned-goalkeeper Paul Roast saved a penalty for Priory and Mark Smith scored, but Calne progressed courtesy of Stuart Windsor and Darrin Morris.



Vase dream over

WHITCHURCH United's FA Vase dream is over for another year after they lost 3-2 away at Chippenham Park last Sunday.

Goals from ex-Sholing pair Ryan Lambert and Jamie Mansell had Whitchurch 2-1 up at the break, but the hosts levelled in the second half and grabbed an extra-time winner.

The defeat ended the Jam Boys' run of eight successive victories.

Carl Bennett's side remained the only unbeaten team in the Sydenhams Premier going into today's home game against second-placed Newport IoW.

BOATMAN SAILS OFF TO BOROUGH

DAVE Diaper is Sholing through and through.

But he'll be making Gosport Borough his second club after Wembley-winning skipper Byron Mason became the third Boatmen to join the Privett Park ranks this week, *writes WENDY GEE*.

The powerhouse midfielder, who captained Sholing to a memorable FA Vase/Sydenhams Premier double last season, follows full-back/midfielder Mike Carter and striker Lee Wort into Alex Pike's Conference South squad.

And much as manager-turned-chairman Diaper is saddened to see another member of the Boatmen's 2013/14 dream team depart, he admires Gosport for bucking the trend and building a Conference South squad packed with local talent.

With the likes of Tom Dunford, Rory Williams, Adam Wilde, Dan Wooden, Danny Smith and Justin Bennett on the books, Pike's 2013/14 FA Trophy finalists have proved that you don't have to cast the net as far afield as London to build a team capable of competing in non-League's higher reaches.

"The attraction for me is local players playing for local clubs," said Diaper.

"It's easy for me to say that at our level (Southern One South & West) and not so easy when you go up through pyramid, but Gosport have proved you can do it.

"What they've done goes against the grain a bit, but they've shown there's a hell of a lot of local talent around.

"It's good see a club like Gosport proving that you can compete at that level with a local team.

"London's a hot-bed of talent, but there doesn't always seem to be much allegiance.

"Gosport are run on very similar lines to Sholing. While they take their football seriously, it's important the players enjoy it.

"You only need to look at Benno's (Justin Bennett's) performances. He could have left when he went out on loan last season, but he stayed with Gosport and he's scoring goals.

"Adam Wilde has stayed loyal to them too even though he was disappointed not to get off the bench in the Trophy final.

"It's testament to Gosport that they can keep hold of these players."

Much as Diaper feels sad to lose Mason, a player he has known and nurtured for 11 years, he is delight-



Manager Dave Diaper and Byron Mason after their FA Vase semi-final victory last April.

ed that the 27-year-old has the chance to prove himself further up the pyramid.

"To me Byron is a complete player, he's excellent. It will be interesting to see how far he can go," he said.

"It's all been amicably done. Byron's 27 now and he's proved he's more than adequate playing in the Southern League. He needs to be tested at a higher level and hopefully he can go to Gosport and show he's worthy of a contract.

"I've got a lot of time for Byron. I've seen him grow as a person since he was 16. He works for me and he's a real nice guy. I just want him to do well, he deserves the opportunity to progress.

"It's sad that another one's gone from the 2013/14 team but, like I said to Byron, I don't want him looking back when he's 30 and say-

ing 'if only.'"

Having struck up a friendship with Pike over the years, Diaper is confident Mason will be well taken care of.

"Alex is a good manager, his skills are unique," he smiled. "I know Byron will get treated fairly at Gosport and well looked after.

"Carts and Worty are both doing well there and I'm going to be a bit of a Gosport fan from now on. If Sholing aren't playing and there's a situation where I can go and watch them, I will.

"Gosport are making the right inroads.

"I was given hospitality there when they played Larkhall in the FA Cup and you can see they're doing things right off the field. I've got a lot of time for Alex, chairman Mark Hook and the people of Gosport. They're a well-run club."

Byron is the middle of three Mason brothers to have progressed through the Sholing ranks, along with forwards Barry and Daniel.

The club prides itself on youth production and Diaper said: "We won't stand in anyone's way of going higher.

"If Sholing end up being a feeder team to clubs further up the pyramid, so be it. At least we're doing it in the right manner.

"I'd rather have players pushing forward and bettering themselves than going sideways or downwards.

"If that means players going to Eastleigh, Gosport, Havant or whoever, so be it. That's where we are in football.

"I've said to Alex that if he's got players at Gosport who need match time then to think about us first."

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SET-PIECE SUPREMO...

HE MAY not be the Sydenhams Premier's paciest footballer, but as a set-piece maestro Iain Seabrook is one of the best, writes WENDY GEE.

When it comes to dead-ball situations, the sturdy Newport IoW midfielder takes some beating – as Blackfield & Langley found to their cost at St George's Park last Saturday.

Having dragged themselves back on terms with a Michael Durley penalty to make it 2-2 at half-time, the Watersiders were undone on 79 minutes when Seabrook stepped up and drilled a low free-kick into the area which was deflected into the net.

Earlier Blackfield had taken a second-minute lead through Ekow Elliott only for Scott Jones to wipe it out with two goals in as many minutes – both far-post headers.

In manager Steve Brougham's book, Seabrook's winner was deserved reward for another hard-working performance from his trusty No8.

Praising ex-Sholing man Seabrook, Brougham said afterwards: "People have this opinion of Iain. Let me say this: Iain trains as hard as anyone and he's always there."

"We had a bad week at training this week, but Iain was there."

"We want him in the team, he's infectious. He's a match winner and when he's on his game he can pass the ball well

and I thought he tried his heart out today.

"I'm pleased he got the winning goal because he's been trying the last few weeks."

"He's a player a bit like Darren (Powell), he's a Newport through and through player and it's nice to win with players like that."

The Islanders climbed to second in the Sydenhams Premier on Tuesday, beating Bournemouth Poppies 4-1 to keep intact their unbeaten league record at St George's Park.

Former Havant & Waterlooville frontman Jones again struck twice, backed by singles from Matt Evans and Aidan Sainsbury. Dan Molyneux replied late for Poppies.



Iain Seabrook on the ball.

£10m stadium plans unveiled

A PUBLIC exhibition was held this week showing Basingstoke Town's plans for a new £10 million community stadium.

The north Hampshire club want to relocate and turn its current Camrose Ground home into a retail park and sports complex.

A spokesman for the Conference South leaders said the new site at Old Common

"would give the club the opportunity to move into a higher league and provide spectators with much improved facilities."



Chairman Rafi Razzak (pictured) added: "The Camrose has been a fantastic home for us for well over 60 years and it has seen many great sporting moments."

"But now it is in such need of modernising that it threatens to become a major obstacle to realising the club's dreams."

Fox funeral on Tuesday

THE funeral of much-loved Sholing stalwart Arthur Fox (pictured) takes place on Tuesday at Wessex Vale Crematorium, Hedge End, from 12.15pm.

It was Arthur's wish that no one wear black and instead turn up in Sholing shirts and scarves.

The wake will take place at the Farmer's Home pub in Durley directly afterwards. Flowers from family members only, please.

A donation can be made to Countess Mountbatten Hospice, via Johnathan Terry Funeral Directors, 101 Peartree Avenue, Bitterne, Southampton SO19 7JJ. Tel 023 8043 4444.



Senior stunned by goal flurry

FORMER Reading striker Trevor Senior has scored a shed load of goals in his time.

But the 52-year-old had never witnessed anything quite like Bridport's 11-0 demolition job on East Cowes Vics in the FA Vase last Saturday.

Senior, who had a spell as Bashley boss in 2001, found the net over 150 times during his two spells with the Royals and also numbers Portsmouth, Watford and Middlesbrough among his former clubs.

But even he would have been hard-pushed to match the extraordinary events at St Mary's Field last weekend as his Western Premier Division charges put their Sydenhams One visitors to the sword.

There was nothing to suggest that the floodgates would open quite so dramatically when Bridport took the lead after 25 minutes and doubled their advantage by half-time.

But, incredibly, they scored NINE times after the break to leave Vics reeling.

"To score nine goals in the second half is good by any standard, irrespective of who you are playing," said Senior.

"I've never seen a scoreline like that as a manager or player."

"All the lads were saying after the game that they had not been involved in a score like that since they played youth football."

"We could have had a few more goals as well."

Ex-Gosport and Hamworthy striker Warren Byerley led the charge with four, backed by Shane Evans (2), Tom Richardson (2), Ryan Dovell, Jamie Filkins and Matt Morley.

Sparing a thought for the Isle of Wight visitors, Senior – whose side now visit Calne Town – added: "Fair play to them, they never lost their heads."

"There were no bookings in the game and no animosity."

"They stuck to their guns and we did what we had to do."

It wasn't all bad news for the Island though.

The Yachtsmen of Cowes Sports went sailing through to the first round proper with a 4-0 win over Corsham Town, thanks to Enrique Villar (2), Gareth Bricknell and substitute Keelan Sainsbury. Their reward is a trip to Sydenhams Premier outfit Bemerton Heath Harlequins on November 1.

Newport IoW, who will be joining the competition in the first round proper, are away to Hook Norton of the Hellenic Division One West.



TREVOR SENIOR

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Diaper speaks

SHOLING chairman and FA Vase-winning manager Dave Diaper will be guest speaker at Monday's monthly meeting of the Eastleigh Referees' Society.

Kick-off is 7.30pm at the Chandler's Ford Central Club in Winchester Road. All are welcome.

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Awards double as Hawks top table

HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE celebrated a double coup in the Vanarama Conference South awards for September by going top of the table last Saturday.

The Hawks' 2-1 home win over Boreham Wood came in the wake of news that boss Lee Bradbury (pictured) had been voted manager-of-the-month and goalkeeper Ryan Young player-of-the-month.

Young moved back to the Isle of Wight in the close season after winning the Conference North title last season with AFC Telford.

Following that up with the Conference South title would be a dream come true for the 34-year-old.

"It would be fantastic to win both the North and South titles in consecutive seasons and help the Hawks move into the Vanarama Conference for the first time in their history," he said. "But there is still a long way to go before we start thinking

about that."

Goals by JJ Hooper and Ed Harris brought the Hawks back from behind against Boreham Wood as they leapfrogged the Hertfordshire visitors at the summit.

But they were knocked off their perch on Monday when they twice fell into arrears at basement boys Wealdstone and needed equalisers from

Hooper and Scott Donnelly to salvage a 2-2 draw.

Boreham Wood briefly went top again after beating St Albans, but they were eclipsed by another Hampshire side on Tuesday - Basingstoke rising to the summit after a 1-0 home victory over Whitehawk.

*Bristol Rovers' former Salisbury City boss Darrell Clarke picked up the Vanarama Conference manager-of-the-month award for September, while Gateshead striker Danny Wright was recognised as the month's outstanding player.



Hill boost for Brock over Blackfield bid

BROCKENHURST'S central midfielder Tom Hill has turned down the advances of Sydenhams Premier rivals Blackfield & Langley. Hill, one of a handful of former AFC Bournemouth youth players in the Brock squad, joined the Grigg Lane club midway through last season.

He had previously been playing his trade with Bashley in the Southern League but fell out of love with football.

"He came to us to enjoy himself again and he's stayed on this season," said Brock boss Pat McManus.

"He's rebuffed Blackfield and opted to remain at Brock, which is good news for us.

"Even though Blackfield have a lot more resources than we have, he'd see going there as a sideways move.

"If Tom was going to move, I think it would be further up the pyramid.

That's the only way he'd go."

Hill was doubtful for today's league trip to Verwood having been in the wars this week.

He dislocated a finger at Follands last Saturday and is carrying a calf injury. The Badgers lost the Follands game 2-1 with Matt Burt hitting the Planemakers' winner after Brock's Daryll Phillips' had wiped out Jamie Barron's early strike.

Follands boss Danny Bowers felt his players looked weary after the exertions of their midweek FA Cup replay at Frome Town, but McManus said: "They got tired because they were chasing the ball all game - and their winner was half a yard off-side!"

● Brock were yesterday hoping to complete the resigning of striker Braiden Hamilton, who left them for Sholing during the summer.

PLANEMAKERS BOLSTER RANKS WITH A NEW RIGHT-BACK

FOLLAND Sports have drafted in a new right-back to bolster their Sydenhams Premier Division squad, writes WENDY GEE.

Although Ryan Fuller has done superbly in that position all season, the Planemakers had no real cover for the former Eastleigh youngster who is prone to picking up the occasional knock.

They have resolved the issue by welcoming in versatile defender Ollie Warren from league rivals Horndean.

Manager Danny Bowers explained: "Ryan Fuller has been outstanding and he seems to be getting better and better."

"But he keeps getting little knocks and we had to play him last Saturday (in the 2-1 league win over Brockenhurst) even though he could have done with a rest."

Former Fareham player Warren

has long been on Bowers' radar.

"I've watched Ollie a few times, for Fareham as well as Horndean, and when we've played against him he's always been decent," the boss explained. "He contacted me out of the blue after (ex-Planemaker) Danny Thompson had given him my number."

"He came and watched us on Saturday and he knows Matt Burt and Monkey (James Roden) from his time at Fareham."

"He lives in Park Gate, so it suits him to play over this way."

"We were getting a bit light on players and Ollie can also play at centre-half, so he's a useful signing for us."

Next on Bowers' wish list is a striker.

SIDELINED

Although he was overloaded with frontmen at the start of the season, the situation has changed dramatically.

Alex Easton and Jamie Betteridge have moved to AFC Portchester and Brockenhurst respectively, while Mike Turvey faces at least two to three weeks sidelined with a nagging foot injury.

Summer signing Stuart Gates has yet to reach optimum fitness and work commitments regularly rule star man Ryan Long out of midweek games.

"We've gone from having loads of frontline options to having very few," Bowers admitted.

"If I had Ryan Long all the time and Stuart Gates was completely fit, I'd be happy, but we're chopping and changing all the time."

"When we went 18 games unbeaten last season, we were able to field an unchanged side, but this year I haven't picked the same team twice."

"I could do with signing another centre-forward, but a decent one

costs money."

Despite the constant tinkering, Follands are making good headway in the league with the Brockenhurst win pushing them up to seventh.

They are eight points adrift of league leaders Moneyfields, but Bowers still believes the title is anyone's for the taking.

"I've said all along that it's far more open this year. You could lose five or six games and still win it," he said. "People are beating each other and some of the 'outsiders' are doing really well."

"No one would have expected Petersfield to be up near the top or Whitechurch to be the last unbeaten side."

"Brockenhurst are still right up there, but beating them last Saturday has pulled us a bit closer to everyone."

"I honestly think it will come down to someone going on a really good run after Christmas."

"Moneyfields are strong and people keep telling me what a good player Alfie Rutherford is."

"And look at Bemerton. Not so long ago they were down at the bottom, but then they beat Winchester and now they're one of the form sides."

"Last year it was just a question of who would finish second and third behind Sholing and it was the same when Poole were in the league. But it's different this time."

"Winchester were most people's favourites before this season started, but we've seen already that it's far more open this year."



STAR MAN: Ryan Long

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TROPHY RUN: Mike Turvey in action for Folland Sports in last season's FA Vase

Folland Sports looking to cash in on Vase run

ENTERING the FA Vase at the first round proper stage has its advantages – the chief one being that it shortens the road to Wembley.

But it also means missing out on a combined £1,400 prize money from the two qualifying rounds, making it essential that Sydenhams Premier outfit Folland Sports cash in on their delayed start.

Handily for the Planemakers they pulled a home tie out of the hat in Monday's first round proper draw, pairing them with Western Premier Division outfit Sherborne Town on Saturday, November 1.

There is a tidy sum of £900 on offer to the winners.

"It'll be tough, but we're at home which is vital in the Vase, so I'm happy with that," said Follands boss Danny Bowers.

"Finishing third in the league was great for us last season, but it's meant missing out on the early rounds of the Vase and potential prize money.

"But, by the same token, we're still in it at the first round stage and it's important now that we push on and get something going in the competition and don't go straight out of it in our first game."

Sherborne, currently labouring in the lower half of the Western Premier, only just squeezed through against Sydenhams One guests New Milton Town last Saturday.

The tie looked to be heading for extra time at Raleigh Grove when skipper Steve Burton headed home the 87th-minute winner.

Follands exited one cup competition on Monday, beaten 3-1 at Eastleigh in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup.

But it was a proud night for Bowers whose Planemakers acquitted themselves superbly against the mighty Vanarama Conference hosts.

Unlike last season when Spitfires boss Richard Hill fielded a youthful side in defeat to Whitchurch United, this time many of Eastleigh's big guns were rolled out.

Ross Flitney was in goal and fellow first-teamers Chris Todd, Michael Green, Yemi Odubade, Stuart Fleetwood, Dan Spence and Will Evans featured in the starting line-up, while Jamie Collins and Craig Stanley came off the bench.

Eastleigh got a wake-up call when Matt Burt put the Planemakers ahead, but they had levelled by half-time through scholar Tony Lee.

Two neat second-half finishes by Odubade saw the Spitfires through to the last 16, but a delighted Bowers beamed: "My boys were amazing.

"We took the lead and pushed a team from four leagues above the whole way."

FA Vase first round proper, local ties (to be played Saturday, November 1): AFC Portchester v Reading Town, Bemerton HH v Cowes Sports, Folland Sports v Sherborne Town, Hook Norton v Newport IoW, Ringwood Town v US Portsmouth, Verwood Town v Fareham Town, Winchester City v Horndean.

FA Vase:

Prize fund 2014/15

First qualifying round winners £600, Second qualifying round winners £800, First round proper winners £900, Second round proper winners £1,200, Third round proper winners £1,500, Fourth round proper winners £2,000, Fifth round proper winners £2,500, Sixth round proper winners £4,500, Semi-final winners £6,000, Final runners-up £17,000, Final winners £25,000.

'Stock stay calm after 8-0 defeat

2004 winners Winchester City kicked off their FA Vase campaign with an 8-0 hammering of Laverstock & Ford last week.

But it was a beating that won't live long in the Sydenhams One visitors' memories.

Warren Bentley got the rout going with a first-half hat-trick and further goals from Zach Glasspool (2), Mike McEnery and substitutes Adam Roberts and Geoff Dunn took City out of sight.

Laverstock boss Robbie Lakeman was quite calm about it afterwards, insisting his side had had no chance of matching their lofty hosts.

"As soon as the tie was drawn I disregarded it as, in the context of our season, it has no relevance at all," he said.

"We are never going to win the FA Vase and being given that draw made it a non-event for us.

"We have to concentrate on the league and picking up points."

Winchester now host Horndean in the first round proper on Saturday, November 1.

The Deans were held 1-1 after extra-time at home to Lymington Town last Saturday, but went goal crazy in the midweek

replay. They came away from Southampton Road handsome 5-0 winners through Lewis Stockford, Mark Smith, Nathan Paxton, Gavin Spurway and Harry Potter.

"That was the best we've played and I couldn't fault the performance," smiled Horndean's assistant boss Gary Lines, standing in for the holidaying Dave Carter.

"We were brilliant in the second half and there was only ever going to be one winner."

Winchester savoured more knockout success on Tuesday, triumphing 4-2 at Alresford Town in the North Hants Senior Cup.

With today's FA Cup match in mind, managers Tim Cole and Danny Robinson rested 11 first-team players on their return to their former club.

But City still had too much in the locker for the Magpies with 17-year-old reserve team graduate Rhian Otero scoring twice and Chris Manning and John Borg also on target. Dan Stange and Jack Hoey netted for the Magpies.

Robinson was chuffed for young Otero, saying: "He plays in the reserves and couldn't be more proud to score twice in his first game for the first team."

First victory is a 'matter of time'

COLIN Hopkins believes it's only a matter of time before lowly Downton are toasting their first Sydenhams One victory.

The Robins boss (pictured) watched his struggling side crash to a fourth league defeat at high-riding Team Solent last Saturday – despite plumping for a more attacking formation.

A goalmouth scramble led to Pip Nolan's opener for Solent and a second arrived when Jesse Waller-Lassen whipped a free-kick into the corner. The Wick Lane visitors came close to getting back on track when Craig Tyson skimmed the woodwork, but that missed chance proved vital as ex-Tottenham trainee Waller-

Lassen killed off the game with a classy third.

Hopkins reflected: "We played excellent football at times, plus a more positive sign was that we worked the opposition goal-keeper."

"But, unfortunately, we came up against an excellent side who were simply better than us.

"I have to pay credit to the style of football Team Solent played."

"What we must do now is take our recent improvements into our next game."

Downton have added experienced midfielder Matt Holmes to their squad along with striker Ross Bental from Shrewton.



Non-league Football



Flood scores – and keeps goal

CHRIS Flood kept goal as well as scored one in another fruitful week for Basingstoke Town in the Vanarama Conference South.

The former Eastleigh and Winchester frontman (pictured) was pressed into action as an emergency goalkeeper during last Saturday's 3-2 win at Concord Rangers.

With Town 'keeper Stuart Moore struggling with stomach cramps, he bowed out at half-time and Flood volunteered to take his place between the sticks.

Flood was beaten on 53 minutes when Steve Cawley put Concord ahead for the second time in the game.

But brace man Liam Enver-Marum conjured up a second equaliser before Tom Bird grabbed a dramatic, late winner to send Stoke home 3-2 victors.

With Moore back in action on Tuesday, Flood reverted to his customary frontline role for the home game against Whitehawk.



And within 13 minutes he had scored what transpired to be the winning goal, heading home a cross by Saturday's hero Bird.

The 1-0 victory moved Jason Bristow's men two points clear at the top of the table and, for Flood, it was his eighth goal of the season.

"It's been a great start to the season and the mood around the club is very positive," said Bristow.

"We have just picked up six points from two very difficult games.

"Last Saturday we had to play 45 minutes without a recognised goalkeeper in very difficult conditions.

"I expect many people feared the worst, but the players protected the goal like their lives depended on it and restricted Concord to just two shots on target for the entire half.

"On Tuesday we ground out a win against a very good Whitehawk side. Once again, the work-rate of the team was excellent."

Dan Cann make new start at rivals

DAN Cann has joined Southern League Premier Division outfit Hungerford Town following his departure from league rivals Dorchester.

The powerful frontman (pictured) moved to the Avenue Stadium in May from neighbours Poole Town, having scored more than 50 times in over 200 appearances for Tom Killick's Dolphins.

Graham Kemp, who recently took over at the Dorchester following the departure of Phil Simkin, admitted it was tough letting Cann go, but said: "He was a non-contract player, so we weren't really under any obligation to keep him, so I said I would be releasing him.

"He was disappointed and I'm disappointed too. It's hard not to feel guilty, but he has been around the league a long time. He made some phone calls and Hungerford decided to snap him up."

Dorchester, meanwhile, have confirmed the arrival of defender/midfielder Matt Oldring from Bashley and ex-



AFC Bournemouth youngster Charlie Davis on a one-month loan deal from Poole.

Former Cherries trainee Oldring includes Weymouth and AFC Totton among his former clubs.

Davis can play at right-back or in midfield and will be eligible for Dorch in the FA Cup. But Poole boss Killick insists the youngster – released at the end of his youth stint at Cherries in 2013 – remains in his long-term plans.

Quashing suggestions that Davis could be heading for the exit, Killick said: "In the immediate term it is proving difficult for Charlie to break into the side, but I want to make it abundantly clear that he has a big future with the club.

"The move (to Dorchester) is all about getting him some games and returning to us a sharper, more confident player."

Poole are still blazing a trail at the top of the Southern Premier after back-to-back home wins against Histon (2-0) and Truro (3-0).

SPITFIRES BY AN EX-

Academy product Hoskins on target

OF ALL the players to burst Eastleigh's bubble at Barnet last Saturday, it was sod's law that it had to be an ex-Saint.

Sam Hoskins, a product of Southampton's prestigious youth academy, netted the only goal of the game as Martin Allen's Bees stung the Spitfires 1-0 at The Hive in the Vanarama Conference, writes WENDY GEE.

Dorchester-born Hoskins, 21, joined Barnet last month on a short-term loan from Yeovil Town having signed for the Glovers last summer.

He scored with his first touch for the Bees as a second-half sub during their 5-0 home win over Altrincham last month and was delighted to make two in four games.

His deflected winner just past the half-hour mark was wicked luck for Eastleigh who, even with an injury-depleted side, gave as good as they got against the north London table-toppers.

The Spitfires themselves had the ball in the back of the net late on, but Craig McAllister was flagged for offside – a decision the visitors disputed.

Hoskins, who played for Southampton Tyro League outfit Oakwood Rangers before signing for Saints in 2007, said after-

wards: "I know my goal took a bit of a deflection, but I will still claim it. "I thought the lads did really well.

"They (Eastleigh) had a goal disallowed late on, which was a bit nerve-racking, but we did really well as a team to see it out.

"All the lads and the manager have made me

feel really welcome.

"Hopefully I can stay in the team and keep getting goals."

Hoskins might have scored in the opening minute against Eastleigh, but his shot clipped the outside of the post.

"I was a bit surprised to find myself in that position early on," he confessed. "I hit it well but, unfortunately, it hit the post and came back out. I am glad to have got my goal in the end – and even better that it was a winning one."

Playing alongside the imposing 6ft 2in figure of ex-Portsmouth and Bristol City hitman John Akinde has



GOAL RULED OUT: Craig McAllister

Last side standing

BEMERTON Heath Harlequins are the last Salisbury side standing in the FA Vase after a blockbuster 4-3 win over Sydenhams Premier leaders Moneyfields.

Braces from Jack Slade and Scott Joyce saw the Harlequins through, booking them a November 1 home showdown with Cowes Sports in the first round proper.

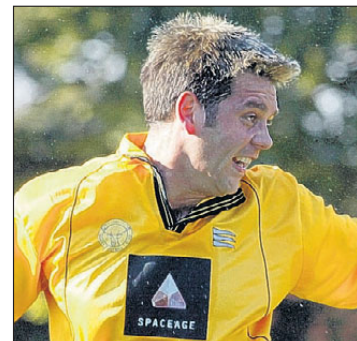
Steve Hutchings gave Moneys an early lead but they slipped 3-1 down after half-an-hour. Hutchings struck again from the penalty spot, but the

Portsmouth visitors had Alfie Rutherford sent off early in the second half and conceded again before Ryan Pennery grabbed a late third.

Moneys boss Miles Rutherford was honest enough to admit afterwards: "We didn't play anywhere near as well as we know we can and were beaten by the better team on the day."

Rutherford's men returned to league action on Tuesday, drawing a top-of-the-table clash 0-0 at Petersfield Town.

Darnton



ANDY DARTON

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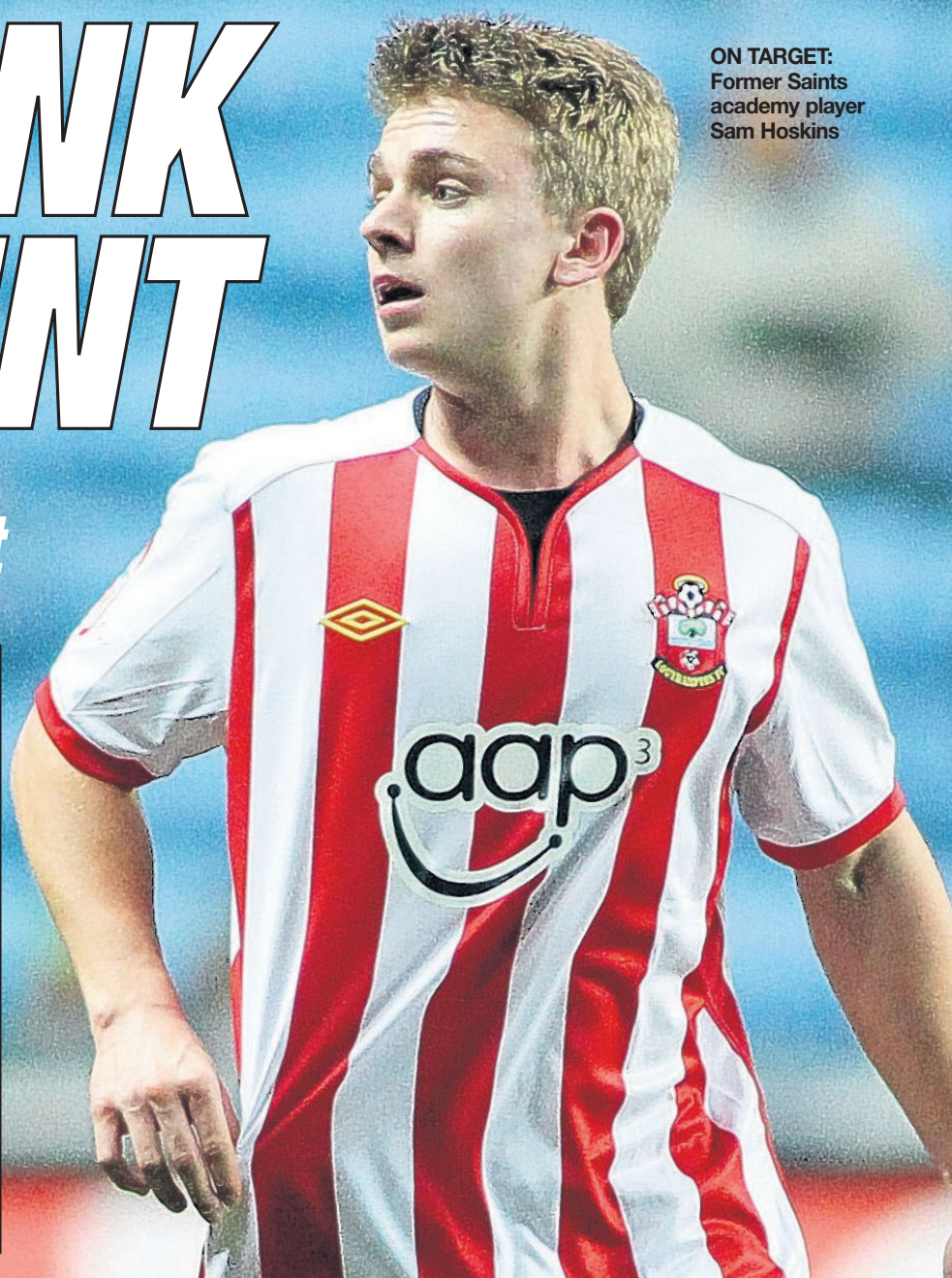
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SUNK SAINT

et for Barnet

ON TARGET:
Former Saints
academy player
Sam Hoskins



helped 5ft 8in Hoskins.

"I like playing off a big man," he said. "John Akinde can battle and I try and pick up the pieces and that is how the goal came about."

The fair-haired Hoskins was top scorer for Saints' under-18s in 2010/11 and joint top scorer in the Barclays Under-21 Premier League in 2012.

He made his first-team debut for Saints on August 30, 2011, going on as a late substitute for Guly Do Prado in a 3-1 Carling Cup triumph at Swindon Town.

He made four further appearances off the bench, all away from home, before being released in the 2013 close season.

Barnet's top scorer Akinde was back on the scoresheet at Macclesfield Town on Tuesday, but it was a bad night for the Bees. They lost on the road for the first time this season, beaten 2-1 at Moss Rose.

steps down as Bashley co-boss

ANDY Darnton has resigned as co-manager of Bashley having described his position at the New Forest outfit as "untenable".

The summer appointment stepped down on Thursday having received a text message from fellow joint-boss Graham Speechley-Price - husband of chairman Angela Speechley-Price - stating that Bash had started searching for a manager who could bring "finance and players" into the club.

Darnton told the *Daily Echo*: "I don't know if they have anyone lined up, but it put me in an untenable position and I

resigned with immediate effect.

"It's a shame because operating on a zero budget at this level is nigh-on impossible. We had built a decent squad and I believe we would have been a mid-table side had we been able to find even some expenses for the players.

"I managed Andover and Winchester City on very low budgets and have a good knowledge of what was needed to compete at this level."

He continued: "To say I was disappointed with how it happened (being told via text message) would be a massive understatement, especially consider-

ing Bashley approached me to come over here in the first place.

"Graham and I sometimes had differing opinions on players but that is part and parcel of football and happens within all management teams.

"I have received a lot of kind text messages from the players and I wish all of them and the club all the best but it is sad that it has had to end this way."

Graham Speechley-Price confirmed that he had been informed of the club's intentions and that he had passed on the information to his colleague.

"Clubs at this level need investment and it wouldn't take

a lot to really take Bashley forward," said Speechley-Price. "Andy decided he didn't want to work under those circumstances which I could understand.

"I'll soldier on. It may be that the club don't find anyone but if someone becomes available I'll happily step aside."

Speechley-Price also revealed that Nick Ferguson had left Bashley's committee due to increased travel commitments.

Meanwhile, Bashley are offering free entry to their Southern League Division One South & West showdown with fellow strugglers Wantage Town today.

Devlin nets 50yd wonder strike

STEVE Devlin netted a 50-yard block-buster to cap table-topping Poole Town's tenth straight victory in the Southern Premier Division.

Three goals in five first-half minutes helped the Dolphins demolish Truro City 3-0 at Tatnam with Devlin's audacious Beckhamesque drive from the halfway line the pick of the bunch.

Luke Burbidge had already bagged a quickfire brace when Devlin (pictured) unleashed his sensational strike.

"The ball just fell kindly and I had no one around me," recalled the experienced midfielder.

"I had looked up a couple of times and the 'keeper was off his line, so I thought 'why not?'"

"To be fair, I thought he was going to catch it, but some of the lads said it was still rising when it went over him."

"I didn't know how far out it was, I had to ask the lads and they said I was just inside their half, so it was not a bad strike."

"I've hit a few like that during my time in the lower levels."

"I know I've got it in me because I've scored straight from kick-off before."

"It was one of those situations where it felt right and it just went in."

Despite Poole's winning run, sections of the Tatnam crowd have criticised performances against some of the division's lesser lights.

But Devlin, who cost a four-figure fee from Dorchester two years ago, said: "People pay to come in and they are entitled to their opinion, but until we start losing then maybe it isn't fair to criticise too much."



Foyle replaced

MARTIN Foyle was this week relieved of his duties as manager of Vanarama Conference outfit Southport - and replaced by Gary Brabin at the Sandgrounders' helm.

Salisbury-born Foyle (pictured), who started his career as a striker with Saints, left in the wake of last Saturday's 5-2 home defeat by Woking.

The former Port Vale, York City, Northwich Victoria and Hereford United boss was only appointed manager at the Merseyrail Community Stadium in May following the departure of John Coleman.

A board statement said: "We feel it is in both parties' interest that we part company."

"The club would like to thank Martin and Andy (Porter, assistant boss) for their efforts, but on this occasion it has not worked out and we both have to move on."

Lowly Southport won just three of 14 league matches under 51-year-old Foyle's charge. Last month they went home empty-handed from Eastleigh, beaten 2-1 by Richard Hill's Spitfires at the Silverlake.

His replacement Brabin, 43, had a two-month spell in charge of the Sandgrounders in 2008 before moving on to Cambridge United and Luton.



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Wilko targets step up

LYNDHURST player manager Tony Wilkinson is aiming to write a new chapter in the club's recent turbulent history by sealing promotion to the Hampshire Premier League Senior Division this season.

After a summer sculpting his New Forest outfit, Wilkinson wants to lead the club to a top-two finish and apply for promotion to the top flight.

That is big news for a club that folded a matter of five years ago after a player exodus.

Since their football reincarnation, the Wellands Road side have been dragged through further turmoil over the last couple of seasons with management departures and long standing boss Dave Elgram standing down from his post after the Hampshire League 2004 title campaign in 2012/13.

Dave Wood and ex-player Nick Cremin had taken over, but left last December, leaving Wilkinson to take the helm.

Since then, the player boss, who recently recovered from cruciate ligament damage, has shaped his side and is now deploying a 4-2-3-1 formation.

Lyndhurst sit third in the league and have hopes of climbing even higher.

"We're not doing badly at the moment," Wilkinson said. "We're not where we'd like to be, which is in the top two."

"We want to be in a position to apply to go up at the end of the campaign."

Wilkinson has been playing at Lyndhurst for a decade and brought in numerous players from grass-roots football with the task of building a side capable of playing in the Senior League.

"We've brought in new players with only a few from previous seasons still around," he said.

"Our main aims are to have a good cup run and finish high up."

Among the survivors from last term are Andy Longland, Ryan Dickson, Ben Boyce, Simon Parker, Dan Charrett, Andy Trodd, Ashley Baddams.

Wilkinson has also signed strikers Nyall O'Connor, Damian Craven, midfielders Billy De Souza and Gary Gotts along with defenders Dave King and Ben Baddams.

The boss also piled pressure on counterpart Michael Bulman, manager of Division One table toppers Infinity, by admitting anything other than winning the title would be a complete disaster for them.

"I expect Infinity to win the league," he said. "They've brought in some very good players and have a really big squad."

"It would be complete disaster for them if they didn't win it."

"I would hope that we are capable of finishing just behind them."

"We played them and lost 4-3 and we also lost to Broughton (second place) because we were down to our bare bones that day."

TARGET STONEHAM

Otters boss desperate to get one over on Pullinger's men

OTTERBOURNE manager **Richard Luffman** has put beating local Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League Senior Division rivals **AFC Stoneham** very high on his list of priorities this season.

Luffman has warned Stoneham manager Adam Pullinger that he "fully expects" to end their unbeaten run in the league and, after drawing each other in the Hampshire Intermediate Cup, intends to end any dreams of silverware in that competition, **writes PETER HOWARD.**

The Otters' head also believes that the title race is now between high fliers Hamble Club and Baffins Milton Rovers, while his side and Stoneham battle it out for third spot – a battle he is eager to win.

"We're absolutely relishing the challenge of getting the better of Stoneham," he said. "I fully expect that we can finish above them and end their unbeaten record."

"A lot of the players know each other well, so it will be a really good game."

"We want to get the better of them and I know they'll want to get one over us."

PREDICTIONS

Luffman has made his predictions for where the Hampshire top flight title will go.

"The league is between Hamble and Baffins," he said. "They are both very good sides but I think Hamble are probably better and more likely to win the league."

"They've got so many good players to call upon, like Ben Kneller, PJ McLean and Pete Castle."

"I would say they were strongest team. Stoneham and us are going to battle it out for third."

"I don't think we will be able to break up into the top two."

The Oakwood Park outfit have set up a big tie against Wessex One side Hythe & Dibden in the Southampton Senior Cup after beating a well organised Cadnam United 2-1, and have made good



PEDIGREE: Hamble Club's PJ McLean, right.

progress in all cup competitions.

This all came amid a horrendous injury crisis that saw their defence depleted. Centre backs Sam Doswell (ankle) and Simon Daunter (hip) were out for several crucial games, while Liam Davies and

Luke Pothecary have also had spells on the sidelines.

Other than a 4-0 defeat to strugglers Headley, Otterbourne have continued their good form.

"It's been a struggle with so many injuries," said Luffman. "But

Graham Bird, who has been our only fit centre back, has been brilliant."

"We lost quite a bit of the spine of our team but made good progress in the different cups at the same time."

Bush Hill in false position – McManus

BUSH Hill manager Eugene McManus feels where they are in the Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League Senior Division is a false position and is sure they will be able to finish in the top half this season.

McManus is currently battling with constant availability problems among his squad – sometimes having 11 players.

Despite signing utility man Josh Barnes and right-sided attacker Ricky Thorne this week, the Bush boss is still on the hunt for new players and expects to sign a centre back sooner rather than later after losing the regular services of former Totton & Eling man Jamie Feasey.

"We've had an indifferent start to the season," said McManus. "We've had a wake-up call of what's required in this league."

"We don't have that luxury of lots of players and with so many having work commitments, it is a big problem."

"We haven't been overly surprised about the quality of this league, but we just need to have full commitment from the squad. The state of economy means that a lot of players have to work, so we suffer for that."

"We continue to actively search for players to join and ensure that we do climb the league."

In the face of their current problems McManus hopes that as the season progresses the more his side will develop.

"I'm here for the long haul," he said. "We've got to get that player loyalty and I'll be confident of a top half finish."

"A lot of the games – barring a few exceptions – we've played well and didn't deserve to lose."

"We've got two games in hand; we're in a false position."

"On our day with everyone available we are a match for anyone, but it's just that commitment."

"We're not alone in that situation. I have conversations with other managers and

they resonate with what we're going through."

The Hill manager looks up the league at Hamble Club, who have about 50 players at their disposal, and has tipped them for the title, despite Baffins Milton Rovers and AFC Stoneham currently lying in first and second respectively.

"Baffins were always going to be a force," he admits. "But I think Hamble will run out winners."

"In reality they have a Wessex squad. They have a lot of choices all over the pitch."

"We have 22 in our squad and don't have that luxury."

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CHERRIES 2014/15

AUGUST

9: Huddersfield Town (A)W 4-0
Pugh, Wilson 2, Kermorgant

12 Exeter (A) League CupW 2-0
OG, Gosling

16: Brentford (H)W 1-0
Stanislas

19: Nottm Forest (H)L 1-2
Wilson

23: Blackburn Rovers (A)L 2-3
Pitman, Cook

26: Northampton (H) Lge Cup ...W 3-0
Gosling, Pitman, Wilson

30: Norwich City (A)D 1-1
Wilson

SEPTEMBER

13: Rotherham (H)D 1-1
Cook

16: Leeds Utd (H)L 1-3
Surman

20: Watford (A)D 1-1
Arter

27: Wigan Athletic (H)W 2-0
Kermorgant, Francis

30: Derby County (A)L 0-2

OCTOBER

4: Bolton Wanderers (A)W 2-1
Wilson (2)

18: Charlton AthleticH

21: Reading (7.45pm)H

25: Birmingham CityA

NOVEMBER

1: BrightonH

4: Sheffield Wed (7.45pm)A

8: MiddlesbroughA

22: Ipswich TownH

29: MillwallH

DECEMBER

6: WolvesA

13: Cardiff CityH

20: BlackpoolA

26: FulhamH

28: MillwallA

JANUARY

10: Norwich CityH

17: Rotherham UnitedA

24: Leeds UnitedA

31: WatfordH

FEBRUARY

7: Wigan AthleticA

10: Derby County (7.45pm)H

14: HuddersfieldH

21: BrentfordA

25: Nottingham Forest (7.45pm)A

28: Blackburn RoversH

MARCH

3: Wolves (7.45pm)H

7: FulhamA

14: BlackpoolA

17: Cardiff City (7.45pm)A

21: Middlesbrough (3pm)H

APRIL

4: Ipswich TownA

6: Birmingham CityH

11: BrightonA

14: Reading (8pm)A

18: Sheffield WednesdayH

25: Bolton WanderersH

MAY

2: Charlton AthleticA

GOSLING SETS GOAL TARGET



STRIKE RATE: Dan Gosling has hit goalscoring form for AFC Bournemouth

DAN Gosling is keen to make permanent the tag of goalscoring midfielder as he bids to fire Cherries up the Championship table.

With four goals in seven appearances, the former Newcastle and Everton man has a better strike rate per game than Cherries top scorer Callum Wilson.

Gosling had previously not found the net more than three times in a season but he has

enjoyed a fruitful time in front of goal in the League Cup this term.

The 24-year-old scored in wins over Exeter and Northampton before bagging a brace in the 3-0 triumph at Cardiff in the third round.

Asked if he had ever been perceived as a goalscoring midfielder, Gosling told the *Daily Echo*: "That's what I want people to say and, hopefully, I can keep getting forward and chip in with a few goals."

"Four goals is a good record to

have. It's a part of my game that I'd like to do more of. I like getting forward and getting on the end of crosses.

"Fortunately, I've had a few that have dropped nicely to me this season and, hopefully, there are many more to come and we can keep winning."

"Throughout my career I seem to have had a lot of chances fall to me – whether that's the timing of my runs or something else, I'm not too sure, but I want to keep doing the same things."



BENJI BUCHEL

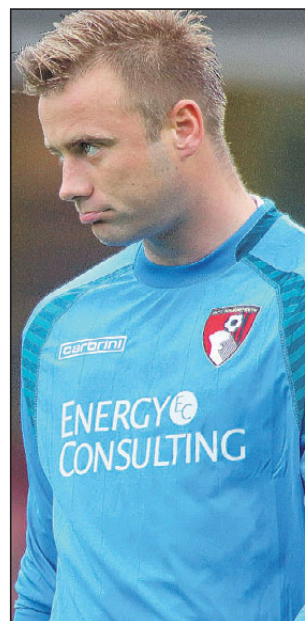
Benji on bench for draw

CHERRIES development squad keeper Benji Buchel was an unused substitute as Liechtenstein held Montenegro to a shock 0-0 draw in Euro 2016 qualifying on Thursday.

First-choice keeper Peter Jehle was substituted due to injury in the 62nd minute but Cengiz Bicer was given the nod ahead of Buchel.

Liechtenstein are next in action in Sweden tomorrow, while Artur Boruc and Tokelo Rantie could feature for their respective countries today.

Boruc's Poland are at home to world champions Germany in Euro 2016 qualifying while Rantie's South Africa are away to Congo in an African Nations Cup qualifier.



ARTUR BORUC

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Taylor, OG

19 Northampton Town (H)W 2-0
Wallace, Westcarr

23 Oxford United (A)W 1-0
Westcarr

27 Stoke City (A) League Cup) ...L 0-3

30 Newport County (H)L 0-1

SEPTEMBER

6 Burton Albion (A)L 0-2

13 Southend United (A)L 0-2

16 Dagenham & Red (H)W 3-0

Dunne, Wallace, Barcham

20 Wycombe Wanderers (H)D 1-1

Ertl

27 Hartlepool United (A)D 0-0

OCTOBER

4 York City (A)D 0-0

11 Mansfield TownH

18 BuryA

21 Stevenage (7.45pm)H

25 Shrewsbury TownA

NOVEMBER

1 Carlisle UnitedH

8 FA Cup 1st rd

15 Plymouth ArgyleA

22 MorecambeH

29 Tranmere RoversA

DECEMBER

6 FA Cup 2nd rd

13 Accrington StanleyH

20 Cheltenham TownA

26 AFC WimbledonH

28 Luton TownA

JANUARY

3 Tranmere RoversH

10 Newport CountyA

17 Burton AlbionH

24 Southend UnitedH

31 Wycombe WanderersA

FEBRUARY

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HAMPSHIRE FA COUNTY CUP TIE FIXTURES

Hampshire FA Saturday Intermediate Cup 2nd Round (Nov 1)

Sway Reserves v Hedge End Rangers
 Hamble Club Reserves v Ringwood Town Reserves
 Horndean Hawks v Lyndhurst
 Hedge End Town v Bishopstoke
 Baffins Milton Rovers v Bournemouth Electric
 Cosham Park Rangers v Andover Lions
 Yateley United v Bournemouth Sports
 Christchurch Reserves v BTC (Southampton)
 Whitecroft & Barton Sports v Westover Bournemouth
 Compton v AFC Totton Reserves
 Otterbourne v AFC Stoneham
 Comrades v Seaview
 Clonfield v Langley Manor or Barton Linnets TD
 Travaux v Meon Milton Athletic
 Spartans v Braishfield
 Infinity v Petersfield Town Reserves
 Southampton University v Sholing Reserves or
 Cadnam United
 Oakfield v Wymering
 Southsea United v Nursling
 Bournemouth Manor v Real FC
 ECS v Farnborough North End
 QK Southampton v Horndean Reserves
 West Wight v Hartley Wintney Reserves
 AFC Petersfield v AFC Portchester Reserves
 Michelmersh & Timsbury v Tadley Calvea Reserves
 Stockbridge v Colden Common
 Netley Central Sports v Brading Town
 Team Solent Reserves v AFC Gulf Western (Sat)
 Frimley Select v Alton Town Reserves
 Liss Athletic Reserves v Hamble Club
 Osborne Coburg v Northwood St Johns
 Overton United v AFC Burton

Hampshire FA Junior A Cup

2nd Round

Oct 25:

Wellow v E P
 West Wight Reserves v Binstead & Cob
 Newchurch v AFC Botley
 DJS Telecoms v Basingstoke Royals
 Rushmoor Community v Overton United (A Team)
 Rising Sun DC v Bournemouth Manor Reserves
 North Wamborough v Whitecroft & Barton Sports
 Reserves
 Andover New Street Swifts v Horndean United
 Lowford H-W Pure Spartan (Home Walkover)
 Burfields v
 Appledwood
 Joinery
 AFC
 Springbourne v
 East Boldre
 Ryde Saints v
 Tadley Calvea (A
 Team)
 Northwood St
 Johns Reserves v
 Old Oakmeadians
 New Forest v
 Kingsclere
 Bournemouth
 Electric Reserves v
 Athletic Romsey
 Park Sports H-W St
 Helens Blue Star (Home
 Walkover)
 A B C United v Burghclere
 Segensworth v Tempest Crusaders
 Capital v Queens Park Athletic
 AFC Womersley v Osborne Coburg Reserves
 Sherborne St Johns v Welly Old Boys
 South Wonsdon Swifts v Sharnbrook
 Baughurst AFC v Hook
 Bramley United v Warsash Wasps Sports & Football
 Club
 Kingsclere Reserves v Hamble United
 Hook Reserves v Binstead & Cob Reserves
 Twentytwo v Sutton Scootney
 Shanklin Reserves v New Forest Reserves
 Brading Town Reserves v Hampshire Irons
Nov 1:
 Bisterne United Reserves v Courtmoor
 Sporting Wessex v Gotham
 Broughton Reserves v Bembridge



Hampshire FA Saturday Junior B Cup

2nd Round (Nov 1)

Shield v AFC Ventora
 AFC Nemesis v Hythe Aztecs
 Portchester Rovers v Throop United
 Frognore v High Park Tavern
 Lower Hyde Galactica or Carisbrooke United
 Reserves v Wey Valley Reserves
 Bishops Waltham Dynamos Sports Club (U21) v Four
 Marks Reserves
 Basingstoke Athletic v AFC Wootton
 Herriard Sports v Crofton Saints (U21)
 Ropley v Carisbrooke United
 Hartley Wintney (A) v Weston City
 Headley United (A) v Yateley United (B)
 Park Sports Reserves v AFC Petersfield Reserves
 FC White Horse v AFC Wootton Reserves
 Newchurch Reserves v Coal Exchange
 Upham Reserves v Portcharian Reserves
 Winklesbury Wizards v Bembridge Reserves

Hampshire FA Saturday Veterans Cup Sponsored By Hobbs

2nd Round (Nov 1)

BTC (Southampton) v Compton
 Redlynch & Woodfalls United FC H-W Folland
 Veterans (Home Walkover)
 Wildern Old Boys v Locks Heath
 Colden Common v Hamble Club
 Sporting BTC Vets v Michelmersh & Timsbury
 Regents Park Vets v Baddeley Park Vets
 Fleet Spurs v BTC (Southampton)
 Old Tauntonians v Redbridge Old Boys

Hampshire FA Sunday Intermediate Cup

Sponsored By By-Pass Driver Training

2nd Round (Oct 26 and Nov 2)

Chartwell Green v Bournemouth Athletic
 AFC Burton v FC Medina
 FC Chute United v West Farnborough

Youth football team pictures round-up



BADDESLEY PARK CRUSADERS



HYTHE AND DIBDEN HAZARDS U9 EDMSL



U7 SHOLING FC



OAKWOOD RANGERS UNDER 11 TEAM: Playing in the Southampton Tyro League Under 11 division 3 west, so far they have had a 2-2 draw, a 0-4 defeat, an 8-3 win and a 5-0 win leaving them third in the division. The manager is Nigel Williams and the head coach is Richard



BROCKENHURST YOUTH U12S: They play in the New Forest & District Youth League. Back row (left to right): Alex Day, Leo Colmer, Louis Tollerfield, Samuel Shearer, Nick Bradford, Scott Menary
 Front row (left to Right): Oliver Starr, Bill Hillier, Ben Dukes, Kieron Hall.



HYTHE & DIBDEN PHOENIX: Under 14 Tyro Div 3

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Youth football team pictures round-up



HYTHE AND DIBDEN CYCLONES U9 EDMSL



FAWLEY FALCONS U10



HYTHE & DIBDEN VIKINGS U13 TYRO DIV 3



HYTHE & DIBDEN TORNADOES U10 EDMSL



LINK-UP: Simon Beardmore of Savvy Accountancy Solutions and Neil Cassar of Hampshire FA

A Savvy match for FA's youth cups

HARTLEY Wintney-based company Savvy Accountancy Solutions, will be the Hampshire FA's official sponsor of all Saturday, Sunday and Midweek Boys' and all Girls Youth County Cups for the next three years.

The firm was founded last year by Simon Beardmore.

Neil Cassar, chief executive of Hampshire FA said: "I am delighted that we will be teaming up with Savvy Accountancy Solutions for the next three years.

"Savvy boast an excellent business reputation and I am sure that this partnership will offer many new opportunities for both organi-

sations in the future."

Simon Beardmore added: 'It is great to be given the opportunity to work with Hampshire FA.

"As a manager of a local football team, Hampshire FA has provided us with a platform to play over the years, so it is fitting we can finally put something back into helping the county."

More than 1,000 teams compete in Hampshire FA Youth Cups from all over the County (from Bournemouth in the west to Portsmouth in the east, from Aldershot and Basingstoke in the north down to Southampton and including the Isle of Wight).

FROM FACING PAGE

Arms Athletic v Chamberlayne Athletic
Titans v Lamb Inn
Bournemouth Sports v Guardsmen
Cove Manor v Tavla Spor
Baffins Milton Rovers v Tron
Heath End Athletic v Glen
Landguard Povers v FFC XI
River Bowl v Halfway United
AC Copnor v FC Common
Shoulder of Mutton United v R S Ocean Village
Soldiers Return v Basingstoke Saints
Waterlooville Social Club v South Wonston Swifts
Pharmasol Appleshaw Sports v FC Central
Whalesmead Thistle v Central Bar
Barton Stacey v South View
Townsend Spartans v Rushmoor Sunday
C J Glass v Fox & Hounds (Aldershot)
Purbrook XI v Mucky Duck
Meon Tayz v Kaiser Wessex
FC Exchange v AFC Portsmouth
M G S v Elm Tree RBA
AFC Burns Lettings v London RD
FC Boca H-W v Royal End
Sky Blues v Royal Mail Bournemouth
Magpies v Sevenoaks
Athletic Balboa v Whitenap
Dyers Fine Foods v Red Lion (Aldershot)
Rushmoor Community v AFC Wolversdene
Anton Arms v AFC Riverside

Hampshire FA Sunday Junior A Cup Sponsored By Trophies4U

2nd Round (Nov 2)

FC Boca Reserves v AFC Bishopstoke
Talbot Rangers v AFC Gosport
Boyratt Wood Wanderers v New Inn
Solent Town v Royal End
RAF Odham Families v Hordean United
Itchen Saints v Hi Speed
DJE Electrical v Richmond Park Rangers
Heathfield Royals v Ensbury Park Rangers
FC Lokomotiv Southsea v Boscombe Celtic
Phoenix AFC v T & H
TML v Cosham Blues United
Testlands v Traco Athletic
Green Dragon v F I L O
Soldiers Return v Wickham Dynamos
East Lodge v Village Home
Darby Green and Potley v AFC Stoneham
AFC Allbrook v Waterloo
White Hart Arms v AFC Wolversdene Reserves
Whiteley v Plough & Horses
Duke of York v Chineham Reserves
BOSCO Sunday v Farlington Academicals
D G Athletic v Lee
Community
Centre
Pavil v Castle
United
Hamble Roll
Call Reserves v
Crofton Saints
Robinhood v
Muscliffe
Cowplain AFC v
Burgliere
Bridgemary
Eagles v
Chineham
Athletic
Hedge End Hawks
v Athletic Tin Hut
Dynamo Cove v
Shamrock
Bishops v Bluebirds
Chineham v Oakley Mens
Thistle v Andover Saints



Hampshire FA Sunday Junior B Cup Sponsored By Trophies4U

2nd Round
Wessex Demolition v Watersedge Park
King George v AFC Gecko
Rushmere v Clantfield
Tavern v King Alfred (WS)
AFC Swood v Burridge AFC (MV)
Elson Titans v United Rushmoor
Fountain Sports Bar v Worthies Sports & Social Club
United Services Portsmouth v AFC Wolversdene (A)
Rushmoor Sunday Reserves v Bridgemary Colts
Cove Manor (Sovereign) v Dryden
Bournemouth City CF v Gosport Wanderers
Titfield v Eastpoint
Red Lion (Aldershot) Reserves v Portsmouth Royals
Durley v Queen Victoria
Throop United v Plough & Horses Reserves
Throop United v Hoeford United

Hampshire FA Sunday Junior C Cup Sponsored By Trophies4U

2nd Round
AFC Lovedean v Netley R B L
AFC Fiveways v AFC Drayton
Knowle Village Rangers v Chamberlayne Athletic
Reserves
Village Home Reserves v Rushmere Second
Andover RBL v JSC
AFC Bishopstoke Reserves v Netley Royals
FC Wildebeast v Mottisfont
Fawley RBL v Black Sheep

Hampshire FA Sunday Senior Cup Sponsored By Ecu Line Ltd

2nd Round
Cricketers Arms (Fair Oak) v Hamble Roll Call
AFC Portchester v Pickwick United
East Christchurch SSC v K R L
Meon Milton v CNE United
Bush Hill & Newton Heath 1977 v Havant Rangers
Co-Op Dragons v AFC West End
Wicor Mill v AFC Pickwick
Priory Quays v Alan & Wright

Hampshire FA Sunday Veterans Cup Sponsored by RS Purdey

2nd Round
Row United Reserves v Hawley
Kings Park v Overton United
Morley Road Academicals v Freehouse
Row United v Headley Veterans
AFC Portchester Reserves v Rushmoor Community
French Horn Academicals v VFC Villageral
Waterlooville Social Club v Yateley United
Pop Inn Veterans v AFC Portchester

HAMPSHIRE SIXTH FORM COLLEGES LEAGUE FOOTBALL



CLOSE CONTROL: Barton Peveril's Ben Burton, right, against Guildford & Godalming.
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ON THE BALL: Barton Peveril's two-goal striker Ben Gurman against Guildford & Godalming.
Daily Echo pictures by Habibur Rahman Order no: 19710973

HAMPTON MAKES FLYING START AT BARTON PEVERIL HELM

WHILE goal happy Brockenhurst have been stealing most of the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League headlines, Barton Peveril have quietly constructed an unbeaten start to the season of their own.

Back-to-back league wins over Bournemouth (4-0) and Bournemouth & Poole (5-1) have been complemented by a double success in the ESFA Colleges Trophy, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

Under 'new management' in the shape of PE head Luke Hampton, from Sussex, BP followed up a 5-1 win over Kingston Maurward with a 3-0 victory over Guildford & Godalming.

It took them until extra-time before they achieved their victory – quite how they failed to score in normal time after their near total domination of the game was remarkable.

Ben Gurman, who hit a hat-trick the previous week, experienced one of those days and missed a handful of chances.

Three times Barton Peveril thudded shots against the Guildford woodwork, initially through Ben Burton and Matt Bainbridge, and later Jack Pearson.

On another day, BP might have scored ten – as it turned out, they needed goal-keeper James Killee to make a flying left-side save in the dying seconds to prevent their Surrey visitors from stealing a win.

Ironically, Gurman found his range in added time, eventually giving BP the lead and then doubling it from the penalty spot.

Sam Morrison got BP's third to clinch a third-round home tie against either Sparsholt or Itchen.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Brockenhurst	4	4	0	0	35	0	12
Itchen	4	4	0	0	10	2	12
South Downs	4	4	0	0	11	3	12
Andover	4	3	1	0	23	5	9
Farnborough	4	2	1	1	11	8	7
Barton Peveril	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
Queen Mary's	4	2	2	0	11	11	6
Totton	4	2	2	0	8	8	6
Sparsholt	3	1	1	1	10	6	4
Peter Symonds	4	1	2	1	9	12	4
Poole Grammar	3	1	1	1	8	13	4
St. Vincent	2	1	1	0	6	10	3
Bournemouth	3	1	2	0	2	7	3
Chichester	3	1	2	0	4	19	3
Portsmouth	2	0	2	0	2	7	0
Richard Taunton	3	0	3	0	1	10	0
Bournemouth & Poole	4	0	4	0	4	13	0
Havant	2	0	2	0	3	17	0
Alton	3	0	3	0	3	18	0

Wednesday's fixtures: Poole v Andover, Havant v Alton, Richard Taunton v Chichester, Brockenhurst v Totton, Queen Mary's v South Downs, Farnborough v Barton Peveril, St Vincent v Portsmouth, Bournemouth v Itchen, Sparsholt v Bournemouth & Poole.

It was a goal happy Brockenhurst team bus that returned home from Poole Grammar.

Brock's three teams all won – scoring a thumping 21 goals in the process.

Depleted by FA Youth Cup calls, Poole feared the worst as hat-tricks by Harry Morgan and 13-goal Jack Hoey pointed Brock towards a 9-0 win. Ronan Moore, Rhys Owen, and the long serving Adam Drodge also hit the target.

Brock's second team won 8-0 and the thirds 4-0.

Poole coach Dan Crutchley won't be relishing Wednesday week, October 22, when PGS host Havant – the same day as Poole Town play Woking in the FA Youth Cup.

Itchen's 2-0 win over Bournemouth & Poole was, by all accounts, a relatively

uneventful affair played in tricky Middle Road conditions. Itchen won it with two goals in the closing 20 minutes, the second coming five minutes from the end.

St Vincent are celebrating their first back-to-back set of victories since they rejoined the colleges league.

They followed up a 4-3 win over Queen Mary's by beating Bournemouth 5-1 in the Privett Park wind.

St Vincent found themselves 2-0 up after 20 minutes after Steve Golding and Brad Stone scored debut goals from set pieces.

Both sides started to find their feet and didn't let the conditions stop their passing game and exchanged chances in an open contest, with St Vincent shot stopper Alex Rhodes saving two one-on-one's.

Ten minutes before the break, St Vincent broke on the counter after some heavy Bournemouth pressure, which resulted in Liam Mears slotting home from a well worked cross.

Three-up, St Vincent started to control the game with the wind behind them in the second half and on the hour mark Chay Dugan produced a fine strike from 40 yards out to put St Vincent 4-0 up.

Bournemouth scrapped hard and got a goal back 15 minutes from time, but a own goal gave St Vincent a late fifth.

Totton beat Queen Mary's 3-2 but Peter Symonds crashed 4-1 to previously winless Chichester.

Farnborough twice saw leads slip from their grasp before South Downs gained a 3-2 win.



ON THE ATTACK: Barton Peveril's Dom Collicott, right, against Guildford & Godalming.
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EASTLEIGH & Winchester and Southampton Schools hit the ESFA Under-15 PlayStation Trophy trail next Saturday morning, October 18, 10.30am.
Fresh from their 4-2 win over South London, Eastleigh & Winchester host Hillingdon at Kings'.
Southampton enjoyed a first round walkover when Bath were unable to raise a side and now entertain Vale of White Horse at the Testwood Sports College, Totton.

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Non-league Football

BEST IS YET TO COME AT EASTLEIGH – STANLEY

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"They are the sort of club you have to look at (to emulate). Financially, Morecambe never spent as much as we are trying to."

"They recruited players with experience, though."

"That's one thing I will say about Sammy McIlroy, he brought good players to the club."

"That's what we've got to do here. There are good players here, but we've got to keep improving on and off the pitch and I think that's what we're trying to do. That's why I came to Eastleigh – they seem to be an ambitious club. That was the same reason for going to Morecambe."

Stanley's form during his loan with Torquay, his 'best as a professional', led to there being 'a lot of interest' in his services in the summer of 2011.

Bristol Rovers, with Buckle now in their hot-seat, won the chase – and the player agrees that on 'size and what it could be' the Gas are the biggest club for whom he's played.

Notwithstanding that, his was a mixed year at the Memorial Stadium.

"It was a season of two halves. The first couple of months were very tough. The fans didn't take to Paul's ideas (Buckle was sacked in early January 2012 with Rovers 19th and five points clear of the relegation spots).

"It was hard for the new players coming in. When results aren't going well and you've got 8,000 people supporting you then it is tough."

"I got a little bit of stick when we played them the other week, but I think a lot of the fans appreciated what I did during my year there."

"To play for a club that size and with what Paul Buckle wanted to do, I couldn't turn down that opportunity – even more so, as Paul Buckle brought the best football out of me that I've ever played."

Leaving Bristol Rovers after a campaign that had included his involvement in both a League Cup victory over Championship side Watford, and a keenly contested FA Cup third round tie with Aston Villa, Stanley 'had to go to an ambitious team'. He chose Aldershot, who during the previous term had challenged for a League Two play-off berth.

Before his Shots career could get off the ground, though, Stanley suffered the first of his two 'serious' injuries – a broken leg sustained in a pre-season friendly clash with Woking. It was the start of an extremely arduous eight months; a period during which Aldershot struggled for form and Dean Holdsworth, the manager who took Stanley to the Recreation Ground, lost his job.

"It was the worst injury I've had. I've not had many injuries across my career, so to be out for months, getting fit, going to places like Lilleshall and other rehabilitation places, it's tough."

"When you're not used to that, it takes a long time to get over."

"You've also got to watch the team every week and when results aren't going well people are saying: 'Come on Craig, we need



ACTION MAN: Craig Stanley, left, shoots for Eastleigh.

you back, we need this, we need that'.

"It was tough. You do, though, have to look after yourself. The team was almost relegated by the time I came back but it was good, in those few games, just to be back playing football."

Stanley's second season with the Shots saw him play "every minute of every game". It was, he admits, a big decision to leave the club in the summer. Nevertheless, it was one over which he felt he had little choice.

"What they were offering, I'd have had to take a 50 or 60 per cent cut on my wages. I'm 31 years of age, and I've got to look after myself."

The manager (Andy Scott) wanted me to stay, but on the other side I couldn't afford to take the contract they offered."

It was disappointing.

Being captain and starting last season with minus ten points (due to the club entering administration shortly after the close of the previous season), I'd gone through a lot at that club. But I don't think they wanted me to stay as much as I thought they might have."

"People can say: 'You're greedy'. But, whatever job you do, if somebody says you have to take a 50 or 60 per cent pay cut, it's a lot of money."

Stanley's enforced exile from Eastleigh's starting 11 was ended when he played a key role in a frenetic 1-1 draw with Bristol Rovers at the Silverlake Stadium late last month.

Having also completed the full 90 minutes

of his team's narrow defeat at Barnet last Saturday, the midfielder is now planning ahead.

"I want to play as long as I can, and do as well as I can from now until I finish."

Obviously, you don't know when that is going to be. I'm doing my coaching badges. I'm talking to the club about coaching under-16s here. I've spoken with Lee Peacock (head of youth and development at the Silverlake) about that. I'm looking forward to doing that whenever I can."

Stanley also reveals that when he has "a spare five minutes" a favoured form of relaxation is "to watch the horses".

In fact, his interest in that sport goes far deeper than it being just a passing interest.

A member of the partnership that owns the racehorse Superior Quality "which has done all right" (it has won on three of its 12 outings) Stanley says he "might be getting involved with another horse soon". He would, in the meantime, like an upturn in his present gelding's fortunes.

"He's injured at the minute – in fact he's been a bit like me this year. He hasn't performed as well as he should have. He's in Devon chilling in a field, so he'll be back for the new year."

Football remains the priority, though, and Craig Stanley won't be chilling on the field anytime soon. There's plenty of miles left to run, tackles to make and games to win.

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FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 13
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying Group A: Iceland v Holland, Kazakhstan v Czech Republic, Latvia v Turkey.
Qualifying Group B: Andorra v Israel, Bosnia-Herzegovina v Belgium, Wales v Cyprus.
Qualifying Group H: Croatia v Azerbaijan, Malta v Italy, Norway v Bulgaria.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH
Oman v Uruguay.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Division One East: US Portsmouth v Folland Sports.

Tuesday, October 14
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Qualifying Group D: Germany v Rep of Ireland, Gibraltar v Georgia, Poland v Scotland.
Qualifying Group E: San Marino v Switzerland.
Qualifying Group F: Faroe Islands v Hungary, Finland v Romania, Greece v Northern Ireland.
Qualifying Group I: Denmark v Portugal, Serbia v Albania.
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES
Armenia v France, China PR v Paraguay, Hong Kong v Argentina, Iran v Venezuela, Japan v Brazil, Qatar v Australia, South Korea v Costa Rica, United Arab Emirates v Uzbekistan.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP
Play-off second leg: Croatia U21 v England U21 (5pm ko), Germany U21 v Ukraine U21, Iceland U21 v Denmark U21, Italy U21 v Slovakia U21, Portugal U21 v Holland U21, Spain U21 v Serbia U21, Sweden U21 v France U21.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Red Insure Cup, first round (local ties): Bashley v Sholing, Fleet Town v AFC Totton, Poole Town v Wimborne Town.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Blackfield & Langley v Verwood, Fareham v Horndean, Folland Sports v AFC Portchester, Lymington Town v Hamworthy Utd, Winchester City v Christchurch.

NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP
Tadley Calvea v Ludgershall Sports.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Wyvern Shield, league phase: Dorchester Town v Ringwood.

Wednesday, October 15
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES
Chile v Bolivia, USA v Honduras.
SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Whitchurch v Petersfield.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: Moneyfields v Wimborne Town.
Division One East: Andover NS v Alton Town.
Division One West: Laverstock & Ford v Blackfield & Langley.
Wyvern Shield, league phase: D. Fawley AFC v Winchester City.

Thursday, October 16
BARCLAYS U21 PREMIER LEAGUE
Division 1: Liverpool U21 v SAINTS U21.

Saturday, October 18
(FL games 3pm ko unless stated)
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Arsenal v Hull, Burnley v West Ham, Crystal Palace v Chelsea, Everton v Aston Villa, Man City v Tottenham Hotspur (12.45pm), Newcastle v Leicester, SAINTS v Sunderland.
SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE Championship: Birmingham v Bolton, Bournemouth v Charlton, Brighton v Middlesbrough, Cardiff v Nottm Forest (12.15pm), Fulham v Norwich, Huddersfield v Blackpool, Ipswich v Blackburn, Millwall v Wolverhampton, Reading v Derby, Sheff Wed v Watford, Wigan v Brentford.

League 1: Bradford v Sheff Utd (5.15pm), Chesterfield v Oldham, Coventry v Bristol City, Fleetwood Town v Doncaster, Leyton Orient v Milton Keynes Dons, Notts County v Crawley Town, Peterborough v Barnsley, Preston v Port Vale, Rochdale v Gillingham, Scunthorpe v Colchester, Walsall v Crewe, Yeovil v Swindon.
League 2: Burton Albion v Morecambe, Bury v Portsmouth,

Cheltenham v Northampton, Dag & Red v Newport County, Hartlepool v Luton, Mansfield v Cambridge Utd, Oxford Utd v Tranmere, Plymouth v Carlisle, Southend v Exeter, Stevenage v Accrington Stanley, Wycombe v AFC Wimbledon, York v Shrewsbury.

BARCLAYS U18 PREMIER LEAGUE
Southern Division: Reading U18 v SAINTS U18 (11am).

VANARAMA CONFERENCE
Premier: Altrincham v Braintree, Bristol Rovers v Forest Green, Chester v Alfreton, Dartford v Aldershot, Eastleigh v Nuneaton, FC Halifax v Kidderminster, Gateshead v Barnet, Lincoln v Wrexham, Macclesfield v Dover, Southport v Welling, Torquay v Grimsby, Woking v AFC Telford.

South: Bromley v Bath City, Concord v Maidenhead, Farnborough v Sutton, Gosport Borough v Eastbourne Borough, Havant & Waterlooville v Chelmsford, Hayes & Yeading v Boreham Wood, Hemel Hempstead v Ebbsfleet, Staines v Whitehawk, Wealdstone v Basingstoke, Weston-super-Mare v St Albans.

FA Trophy
Preliminary round (local ties): Bashley v Sholing, Cinderford Town v AFC Totton, Swindon Supermarine v Fleet Town, Wimborne Town v Godalming Town.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Arlesey v Histon, Biggleswade v Truro, Burnham v Corby, Cambridge City v Slough, Chesham v Paulton Rovers, Chippenham v Banbury, Cirencester v St Neots, Dorchester v Hitchin, Dunstable v Weymouth, Hungerford v Frome, Poole v Hereford, Redditch v Bideford.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE
Premier Division: Alresford v Christchurch, Blackfield & Langley v AFC Portchester, Brockenhurst v Andover Town, Fareham v Bournemouth Poppies, Horndean v Lymington Town, Moneyfields v Fawley AFC, Newport IoW v Hamworthy Utd, Petersfield v Verwood, Totton & Eling v Bemerton HH, Winchester City v Whitchurch.

Division One: Amesbury v Ringwood, East Cotes Vics v US Portsmouth, Laverstock & Ford v Cotes Sports, New Milton v Downton, Pewsey Vale v Fleet Spurs, Tadley Calvea v Andover NS.

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP
Second round: AFC Gulf Western v Hamble Club, BTC Soton v Hedge End Rangers Res, Hamble Club Res v Upham, Hedge End Rangers v AFC Stoneham, Hyde & Dibden v Otterbourne, Lyndhurst v Locks Heath, QK Soton v Netley Central Sports, Romsey Tn v Nursling, Southampton Uni v Winchester Castle, Team Solent v Bush Hill.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier Division: Clanfield v Baffins Milton Rovers, Colden Common v Liss Athletic, Fleetlands v Overton Utd, Stockbridge v Liphook Utd.

Division One: Infinity v Cadnam Utd, Michelmersh & Timsbury v AFC Petersfield.

Combination: AFC Stoneham v Clanfield, Paulsgrove v Fleetlands.

ALDERSHOT INTERMEDIATE CUP
First round: Headley Utd v Four Marks.

NORTH HANTS INTERMEDIATE CUP
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First round: Headley Utd Res v Hartley Wintney Res, Liphook Utd Res v Bagshot Res.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Petersfield Town, AFC Totton v Wimborne Town, Bemerton HH v Team Solent.

Division One East: US Portsmouth v Fareham Town.

Division One West: Downton v East Cotes Vics, Fawley AFC v Romsey Town, Lymington Town v Hythe & Dibden, Verwood v Bashley.

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Non-league News

TEMPO TRAVEL CITY OF SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Senior Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Bursledon	4	3	1	0	15	4	10
KRL	4	3	0	1	21	7	9
Hamble Roll Call	2	2	0	0	12	1	6
Yacht Tavern	4	2	0	2	10	9	6
AFC West End	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Bush Hill & NH	2	1	0	1	8	6	3
Cricketers Arms	5	1	0	4	13	14	3
Sholing United	3	1	0	2	5	16	3
Aldermoor United	4	0	0	4	2	31	0

Junior Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Riverside	5	4	0	1	10	6	12
Ice House	3	3	0	0	13	4	9
Sky Blues	5	3	0	2	14	20	9
Titans	4	2	1	1	13	6	7
Glen	5	2	0	3	14	15	6
Chamberlayne Athletic	5	1	1	3	9	8	4
Landguard Rovers	5	1	1	3	19	20	4
Chartwell Green	4	1	1	2	9	12	4
AFC Portswood	2	1	0	1	7	8	3
RS Ocean Village	4	1	0	3	8	17	3

Junior Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Itchen Saints	5	4	1	0	22	6	13
Testlands	5	3	0	2	15	7	9
S & D Youth	4	3	0	1	10	9	9
Boyatt Wood Wndrs	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
Hamble Roll Call Res	4	2	0	2	8	7	6
Phoenix AFC	5	2	0	3	8	12	6
Lokomotive Eastleigh	4	1	1	2	6	10	4
LH Galaxy	5	0	2	3	5	13	2
Athletico Tin Hut	3	0	0	3	3	16	0

Junior Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Trant	5	5	0	0	27	5	15
Hedge End Athletic	4	4	0	0	29	6	12
AFC Bishopstoke	5	3	0	2	11	11	9
Test Valley Spartans	5	2	0	3	14	19	6
Bishops	4	2	0	2	13	18	6
AFC Velmore	4	1	0	3	10	10	3
Ego	2	1	0	1	6	8	3
Chartwell Green Res	3	1	0	2	5	15	3
Young Boys 93/4	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Fleming Sports	5	0	0	5	8	28	0

Junior Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marchwood Rangers	6	4	1	1	25	13	13
Carnival UK	5	4	0	1	29	12	12
King George	4	3	0	1	16	11	9
Holbury United	6	3	0	3	22	21	9
Durley	4	2	1	1	11	7	7
Eastpoint	5	2	1	2	18	17	7
Shelfside	5	2	0	3	12	25	6
AFC Southbrook	3	1	0	2	11	10	3
Royale Marine	4	0	1	3	7	14	1
Otter Sunday	4	0	0	4	6	27	0

Junior Division Five

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sholing Monks	5	4	0	1	24	11	12
Dorchester Arms	5	4	0	1	21	8	12
Bitterne Ducks	6	4	0	2	27	17	12
Curbridge	5	3	1	1	19	5	10
Portswood United	6	2	1	3	12	11	7
Brook Park Sports	3	2	0	1	13	4	6
Itchen Albion	4	2	0	2	6	11	6
Burridge AFC	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Portside	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
St Minions	5	1	0	4	10	36	3
Soton Sea Hawks	5	0	0	5	4	31	0

Junior Division Six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Netley Royals	6	6	0	0	26	10	18
Mottisfont	5	5	0	0	29	5	15
Hunters Inn	4	4	0	0	23	0	12
Fawley RBL	5	4	0	1	32	14	12
AFC Phoenix	5	1	1	3	9	13	4
JSC	4	1	0	3	6	12	3
AFC Spitfire	5	1	0	4	8	20	3
Unity	5	1	0	4	8	23	3
Sporting Compass	4	0	1	3	4	21	1
Bannister Park	5	0	0	5	4	31	0

Junior Division Seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Waterside	5	4	1	0	46	4	13
AFC Bishopstoke Res	4	3	0	1	22	6	9
Dorchester Manor	4	3	0	1	18	9	9
Portswood United Res	5	2	1	2	14	10	7
Lyndhurst Junior FC	2	2	0	0	9	0	6
Netley RBL	4	2	0	2	13	14	6
Woodside AFC	5	2	0	3	14	25	6
Chamberlayne Ath Res	5	1	2	2	7	18	5
AFC Carnival	4	0	1	3	2	30	1
Testwood Tornadoes	6	0	1	5	9	38	1

Tempo Travel City of Southampton Sunday League

BAILEY'S DOUBLE LEAVES MANOR IN A DAZE ...

AFC West End thrashed Bournemouth outfit Vienna Manor 6-0 in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup first round.

Keith Bailey netted a hat-trick for the City of Southampton Sunday League side, while Steve Deacon, James Gill, Craig Harding and Connor Doswell scored one apiece as End breezed through to the next round, **writes PETER HOWARD.**

It wasn't so easy for Cricketers Arms (Fair Oak) as they won 4-2 on penalties at another Bournemouth side, Magdon Scaffolding.

The visitors equalised in the second half through Sam Treadaway, meaning normal time ended 1-1. There were no goals in extra time, but Arms were prolific from the spot. Treadaway hit netted from the spot along with Mark Best, Satine Mucci and Luke Owens.

James Fry and James Moor netted as Yacht Tavern hit choppy seas, coming undone 10-2 against Meon Milton.

Meanwhile, in a tie between two City of Southampton Sunday League sides, KRL beat AFC Bursledon 3-2. Ben Cooper, Terry Fredericks and Craig Swain were all on target for the winners. Sean Nutbeen and Chris Alden replied.

In the Hampshire Junior A Cup, all three Southampton sides took their games to penalties.

Bishops dug deep, beating Aldershot outfit Diggers Elite 4-3 on penalties. Rob Cardy's goal made it 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes, then Sean Gallop, David Kemp, Paul Tanner and Jordan Ayles all notched from 12 yards.

Athletico Tin Hut pulled off a similar act as they beat Kinson Conservatives 5-4 from the spot.

Jake Collins's and Richie Mannion's second-half goals saw Chartwell Green Reserves come from behind to draw 2-2 at the end of normal time against Cosham United. But they were undone from the spot; Mike Fielden and Craig Mew scored but it wasn't enough.

In the Hampshire FA Junior B Cup first round, Eastpoint clinched an epic 7-6 win on penalties at Shelfside.

Nathan Gray scored for the home side and Jamie Erskine netted for Eastpoint. Jamie Brennan, Dean Brunsdon, Liam Emmett, Sam Cooper, Luke Hampton, James



ON THE RUN: Barton Peveril's Jake Davis in college football action against Guildford & Goldalming.

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Erskine and Andy Catterson were all on target from the spot.

King George cruised past Fox Inn 4-0. Lewis Wright, Dave Williams and Abraham Kapinga (2) were among the goals.

Scott Kirkwood bagged a brace as Durley beat Burridge AFC 4-2. Ash Dallimore and Tim Hazeldine added two more. Vismusi Kaola and Dave Middleton replied.

AFC Southbrook crashed out 7-0 to Queen Victoria, while Dave Fitzpatrick's goal equalised for

Portside before they lost 2-1 to Watersedge in the second half.

Itchen Albion were annihilated 15-2 by Rushmoor Sunday Reserves. Nick England and Jamie Norton were on target for battered Albion.

And in the other Junior B Cup match, Otter Sunday lost to AFC Swood 4-2 on penalties. Mike Phillips and Jamie Blyth scored in normal time to take it to extra time and then spot kicks. But Blyth and Daryl Winter's efforts

weren't enough.

Rich Smith and Chris Miller netted a brace each as AFC Bishopstoke Reserves beat Andover Central 5-2 in the Hampshire FA Junior Cup first round. Dan Wyatt got the other goal.

JSG beat White Hart 4-1 on penalties and Mottisfont beat AFC Phoenix (Sunday) 4-2 thanks to goals from Jason Gradidge, Dan Scott and Matt Bosanquet. Mike Knott (2) replied.

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Tempo Travel City of Southampton Sunday League

RIVERSIDE HIT THE SUMMIT



DOUBLE: Hedge End Athletic's Jack Igglesden, right.

AFC Riverside climbed to the summit of the City of Southampton Sunday League Junior Division 1 as they narrowly beat Chamberlayne Athletic 1-0 through a Ricchi Bunce goal.

Sky Blues climbed to third with a 5-4 win over Landguard Rovers. Kieran Palmer (2), Sam Taggart, Ryan Williams and Mark Moorman all scored. Tunde Akinolu (2), James King and Nathan Hildred header replied.

In a battle of the basement sides, AFC Portswood climbed off the bottom with a 5-3 win over RS Ocean Village. Pete Barlow, Nick Green,

Rob North, Eric Makate and Callum Barnes were on target. Brett Hall's double and Louis Cassim responded.

Titans leapfrogged Glen with 3-2 victory. Sam Bessant, Aiden Reidy and Nick Chalk all scored.

Junior Division 2 table toppers Itchen Saints dropped their first points of the season after drawing 1-1 with lowly LH Galaxy.

Callum Ovenden put Galaxy 1-0 up at the break before Matt Bell levelled.

Lokomotiv Eastleigh tallied their first win of the campaign, 4-0 against Phoenix AFC. Craig Howells, Sujan Thapa and Louis

Baldacchino's brace pulled them up to seventh.

Testlands remain second despite a 1-0 loss to Hamble Roll Call Reserves. Ronny Wood's second half goal was the difference.

S&D climbed to third in Junior 2 thanks to Aiden Collins's and Navarre Lyons-Davis's strikes after Boyatt Wood Wanderers' Scott Cozens had made it 1-1 in the first half.

Junior 3 summit side Trant continued their winning streak with a fifth straight victory against struggling Young Boys 93/94 3-0.

Dan Petley, Carl Steadman and Aaron Dunne were all on target.

Hedge End Athletic remained in hot pursuit behind Trant with a 7-2 mauling of Fleming Sports.

Daniel Turner (2), Jack Igglesden (2) and Luke Faithful gave them four wins from four.

Ego clinched their first win of the season, beating AFC Velmore 4-3 thanks to Simon Tribe, Albert Stacey and Matt Fitzpatrick's (2) goals. Jamie Johnson (2) and Hayden Tutt replied.

AFC Bishopstoke stuttered as they lost 3-1 to Test Valley Spartans. Tom Reed netted a hat-trick as they stormed to victory in the second half, after Sunday Oshikoya equalised in the first.

Power Rangers

JAY Petty's double saw Marchwood Rangers consolidate top spot in the City of Southampton Sunday League Junior Division 4 with 3-1 win over Holbury United.

Billy Drever replied after an own goal ensured another Rangers win.

In Junior 4, Royale Marine's stuttering start continued as high fliers Carnival UK smashed them 6-2 thanks to Sam Homewood's four goals, Josh Tear and Dan Jones. Matt Shrimpton and Gift Ngubane replied.

In a battle of the big guns in Junior Division 5, Tom Mason smashed home four goals as Sholing Monks ran out 6-3 winners against Bitterne Ducks to go top of the league.

Ben Adams scored a double as Ducks replied through a Chris Pye hat-trick.

Dorchester Arms keep themselves equal on points with top side Monks after beating Portswood United 3-1. Aaron Heskins (2) and Jordan Smith were on target. Josh Phillips replied.

In a clash between the basement boys, St Minions annihilated Southampton Seahawks 8-1.

Jasper Small's four goals, James Collins, Tommy Stark, Andrew Bowman and Scott Johnson sent Minions to a famous victory. Darryl Tagoe responded.

In a tussle between two of the early pacesetters in Junior Division 6, Netley Royals beat Fawley RBL in a 7-5.

Matt Stride (2), Jack Crook, Tom Sketcher, Daniel Gordon and Ross Moggridge (2) were on target to keep Royals at the summit. Brendon Wright (2) Dan Powell, Sean Auger and Adam Church responded.

AFC Waterside continued their rampant start to the season with an 18-0 thrashing of Woodside. Michael Baker netted a whopping seven goals, Dean Lamb bagged six and Dan Parker fired in a hat-trick. Matt Drake and Damo Davies completed the rout.

Lyndhurst JFC smashed bottom side Testwood Tornados 7-0.

Craig Stickland's double, and singles from Mick Malcolm, Lee Stickland, Ben Hatch, Ali Pugi and Matt Day meant Tornados continue their wait for a win.

Gary Klepp's hat-trick saw Dorchester Manor beat Portswood United Reserves 4-1.

Ben Colbourne scored from a penalty and Jerome O'Brien replied with a spot kick of his own.

And in the other game in Junior 7, AFC Carnival tallied their first points of the season with 2-2 against Chamberlayne Athletic Reserves.

Pawel Burdzy and Matt Gorton were on target.

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KEVIN PIETERSEN FACTFILE

1980 • Born June 27 in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, to an Afrikaans father and an English mother.

1997 • Makes first-class debut for Natal as an off-spinning all-rounder.

2001 • Joins Nottinghamshire with a view to qualifying for England, having become frustrated with South Africa's quota selection system.

2003 • Averages more than 50 for the third season running but becomes disenchanted with his employers and threatens to sue for unfair dismissal, although Nottinghamshire insist he has not been sacked.

2004 • **October** – Quits Nottinghamshire for Hampshire.

2005 • **January** – Picked for England's ODI series against his native South Africa.

February – Scores centuries in the matches in Bloemfontein, East London and Centurion.

July 14 – Named in Ashes squad ahead of Graham Thorpe.

July 24 – Scores 57 and 64 on Test debut in 239-run defeat.

September 12 – Scores century as England claim the Ashes with a draw in final Test at The Oval.

2007 • **January** – Finishes with 490 runs and averages more than 50 in the Ashes in Australia.

April – Scores 104 against Australia, England's first World Cup century since 1996. Adds 100 from 91 balls against the West Indies.

2008 • **August 3** – Replaces Michael Vaughan as Test captain and Paul Collingwood as one-day skipper.

August 8 – Scores century in debut innings as Test captain.

2009 • **January 7** – Resigns as England captain following reported rift with coach Peter Moores.

2010 • **April-May** – Makes unbeaten 73 against Pakistan and 47 in the final against Australia as England win the World Twenty20.

June 17 – Announces he will not renew his Hampshire contract.

August 31 – Writes on Twitter that he is to be dropped from England's limited-overs matches against Pakistan and has signed for Surrey.

November 2010-January 2011 – On top form in England's Ashes win in Australia, with the highlight a career-best 227 in Adelaide.

2011 • **March 7** – Injury forces him out of World Cup.

2012 • **May 31** – Retires from limited-overs internationals.

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KEVIN PIETERSEN BOOK REVELATIONS ...

HOW THE KP BOOK

Flower, Prior and ECB under fire from former Hants star

ENGLISH cricket braced itself for eight months as the diary entry 'KP storm' loomed ever closer.

When it came, Pietersen Week delivered. And how.

Here, *the Sports Pink* records the manic minutes surrounding the former Hampshire batsman's autobiography:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 – Gloves are off well before scheduled round one, as Pietersen's former ghost-writer at the *Mail on Sunday* appears minded to get his retaliation in early with a pointed list of issues the sacked batsman should address but will not in *KP: The Autobiography*.

Pietersen responds on Twitter: 'Dear @Paul_NewmanDM. Your personal attack in today's *Mail on Sunday*, is – even by your own high standards – hilarious.'

The bell rings at 11pm for real hostilities to kick in as the *Daily Telegraph's* exclusive interview, much anticipated but timing top secret, allows Pietersen to set out the damning thesis of his book – a culture of "bullying" in the England dressing room, overseen by 'sour and dour' Andy Flower and regimented by 'Big Cheese' Matt Prior.

He fears the England and Wales Cricket Board are in danger too of 'ruining Alastair Cook's career'.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 – As the scramble for the first media copies of the book centres on the publishers' HQ in central London, Prior wakes up to discover his long-held reputation as the pillar of England's team ethos is being trashed.

The wicketkeeper tweets: 'Obvs sad to see the accusations against me this am and I WILL have my right of reply!'

Prior makes it clear he will take time to consider what that will be – but elsewhere the juggernaut is rampaging as pages are pored over by journalists and spilled out into the public domain.



CONTROVERSIAL: Kevin Pietersen's book ruffled feathers this week. He was then accused in a supposed ECB dossier of calling ex-Hampshire colleague Michael Carberry, below, 'useless'.

Culture of 'bullying' in the England dressing room'

Pietersen paints himself and Cook as the victims, admitting he was disappointed in the captain's acquiescence in his sacking but acknowledging he was "paralysed" by the "uncomfortable" situation his employers put him in. Of the many controversies in Pietersen's career, he claims most problems stemmed from being told in 2012 that his teammates

were behind a parody Twitter account lampooning him. He was 'completely broken, absolutely finished, mentally shot' at the discovery.

He takes responsibility for some mistakes of his own – but the villains of his piece are former coach Flower, for ruling by 'fear', and Prior and England's bowlers for routine and constant 'bullying' particularly of young players who misfielded.

Another of Pietersen's targets, Graeme Swann, describes his ex-colleague's book as 'codswal-

lop' and the 'biggest work of fiction since Jules Verne'.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 – The most manic of days, for Pietersen especially as he undertakes a marathon and surely exhausting round of mostly broadcast promotional interviews – starting on BBC Radio Four at dawn and concluding with an evening Q&A in Manchester where members of the public who have paid for admission can get their hands on his autobiography before it goes on general sale on Thursday.

It is Pietersen's turn to set the agenda and he makes a bold bid, claiming his book is his defence at last against the "character assassination" he has suffered for years thanks to the "ECB machine".

Just as he is meeting his readership for the first time, though, a rug

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KEVIN PIETERSEN BOOK REVELATIONS ... WEEK UNFOLDED



FLASHBACK: Kevin Pietersen and Nic Pothas celebrate Hampshire's C & G Trophy final win against Warwickshire at Lord's in 2005.

'SOUR AND DOUR': Andy Flower, below.



is pulled by the leak of a document to the Cricinfo website which is marked 'STRICTLY PRIVATE AND PRIVILEGED' and appears to detail a log of his alleged misdeeds during England's hapless Ashes whitewash defeat last winter.

The ECB quickly says the document is "not what it purports to be", and the press diverge into already evident pro and con-Pietersen ranks with contrasting presentations of his charge sheet as petty or disgraceful.

Either way, it dominates the back pages.

Pietersen's most ardent celebrity supporter Piers Morgan describes 'the secret KP dossier' as 'one of the most pathetic documents I have ever read', and the man himself terms it 'embarrassing' - noting it

included the mis-spelling of Cook's first name.

In the 'dossier' Pietersen is alleged to have called his former Hampshire colleague Michael Carberry "useless" as the latter batted in an Ashes Test.

**'Dossier' alleges
Pietersen called Michael
Carberry "useless"**

In a BBC radio interview, meanwhile, former teammate Ajmal Shahzad corroborates Pietersen's account of intimidating behaviour against young players on the field.

The last deed of the day is Swann's, informing Pietersen and the world via his *Sun* column that there was no bullying in the England dressing room and added: 'This is international sport, not the under-11s.'

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 - Pietersen starts early again, tweeting a link to further support his 'bullying' theory from ex-Australia captain Ricky Ponting - with the advice 'PLS READ THIS'.

Pietersen's 2005 Ashes-winning colleague Ashley Giles, more recently England limited-overs coach, urges everyone to simply "move on".

But ex-England captain

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KEVIN PIETERSEN FACTFILE

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August 6 - After making 149 in the second Test against South Africa, casts doubt on his Test future.

August 11 - Pietersen says he "wants to commit to all forms of cricket for England" in a video posted on YouTube.

August 12 - Left out for the third Test against South Africa.

August 15 - The ECB confirms it has received an apology from Pietersen and an admission he sent "provocative" text messages to members of the South African team.

August 21 - Left out of England squads for the limited-overs series against South Africa and the World Twenty20.

September 7 - Not among ten players the ECB confirmed had been given a central contract for the 2012-13 season.

September 18 - Left out of the Test squad to tour India.

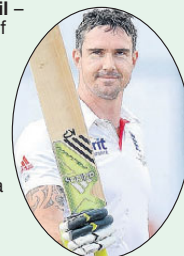
October 3 - The ECB confirms the process has begun to reintegrate Pietersen into the England team, starting with the signing of a central contract.

October 18 - Added to Test squad for tour of India.

November 24-25 - Makes 186 in the second Test against India.

2013 January 9 - Signs a full central contract with the ECB.

March-April - Ruled out of final Test in New Zealand, return series at home and Champions Trophy by a knee injury.



August 3 - Scores a century in the third Ashes Test against Australia to become the highest run scorer for England across all forms of cricket.

2014 January - With 294 runs at 29.40, Pietersen is England's top scorer in 5-0 Ashes defeat and insists he wants to continue playing and help regain the urn.

February 4 - Pietersen declares his international career is over as it is confirmed he will not be in the England squad for the tour of the Caribbean or the ICC World Twenty20.

May 30 - ECB and managing director Paul Downton confirm they have apologised to Pietersen for comments made by Downton regarding the batsman's attitude in the winter Ashes series.

October 5 - In his first interview to promote his autobiography, with the *Daily Telegraph*, accuses wicketkeeper Matt Prior of being a disruptive influence in the England dressing-room and former coach Andy Flower of ruling "by fear" - but speaks positively about captain Alastair Cook.

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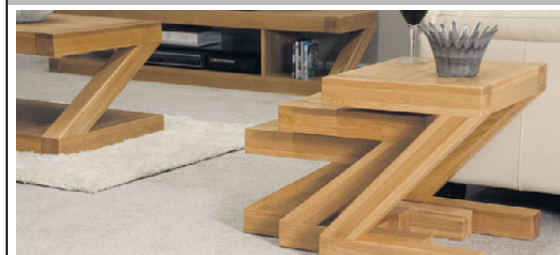
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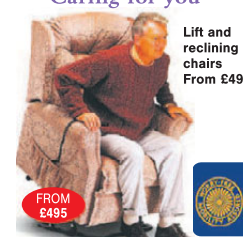
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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight

How KP's week has unfolded

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Alec Stewart is in no mood to do so, at pains to stress that he had been told – as Pietersen believes – that England players Stuart Broad, Swann and Tim Bresnan all had direct access to the 2012 Twitter account which so upset him.

Stewart stresses he reported the information, from account owner Richard Bailey who is a friend of Broad's, to then ECB managing director Hugh Morris.

In one of the ECB's few public responses of the week, a spokesman cites a joint statement by Broad and the board in August 2012 which clarified no involvement was found back then by any England players – adding: "We dealt with this two years ago."

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 -

Publication day, and a book signing for Pietersen in Canary Wharf.

Elsewhere a morning tweet from Bresnan to issue a categorical denial of having the password to the parody account is followed by more empathy for Pietersen from another ex-England notable, Geoff Boycott, in a *Cricinfo* interview.

In a moment of provocative brinkmanship, meanwhile, Pietersen tells the *Evening Standard* the departure of ECB chairman Giles Clarke could yet pave the way for his return to the team.

The ECB is not moved to comment in reply.

Another former international captain, Graeme Smith, agrees with Ponting that he too saw evidence of England's internal bullying.

Andrew Strauss, Pietersen's Test captain for four years, describes the current war of words as a "madness" in which English cricket is the principal victim.

In a talkSPORT interview with his friend and ex team-mate Darren Gough, Pietersen claims – even after all that has been said and done by so many – he still has no idea why he was sacked.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 - A chance to draw breath, a lull in the storm? Perhaps.

Pietersen's acknowledgement to the BBC that he "potentially" will not play for England again causes barely a statement-of-the-obvious ripple.

But Prior's promised right of reply is on everyone's agenda – and, of course, there is still no official ECB statement in direct response to any of Pietersen's claims.

The man himself still has week-end interviews to come.

KEVIN Pietersen spent five and a half seasons as a contracted Hampshire player.

But in that time he only appeared in seven Championship games, of which six came at the start of his debut 2005 season prior to his first England Test call.

Pietersen only played regularly with Shane Warne for Hampshire in the first few weeks of that memorable summer.

In his autobiography released this week, Pietersen revealed how his Ashes friendship with Warne deteriorated.

ON SHANE WARNE

Back at the Oval in 2005, when I'd just made my maiden hundred in the fifth Ashes Test, Shane Warne came across the grass, shook my hand and told me to savour the moment.

He was an Aussie, but he was also a friend and a mentor.

I treasure that moment.

I had got 158 runs in that innings, and over the five Tests he'd taken forty wickets.

We broke each other's hearts on the field that summer, but we remained friends.

The return series didn't start until November 2006 in Brisbane, and by then Warney had been ordered to withdraw his friendship.

He was actually told that he wasn't allowed to be friends with me during the series.

Proper, proper madness.

The Aussies decided they couldn't have their great verbal volleyer chatting with the Poms' star player, carrying on like it's just a bloody club match.

And he obeyed, absolutely, though he didn't feel good about it.

He threw the ball at me twice in the first innings in Brisbane.

He almost hit me both times, and I lost my rag.

One of the very few occasions that I've ever lost it on a cricket field.

I swore at him fluently. I called him an a*****. I said, "who the **** do you think you are?"

I advised him as to his safety: "Stand in my way and I'll f***** run over you."

Cold and formal

I proper went to town on him.

That's how bad it was. I let myself down, and Shane and I let our friendship down.

There are people who still think that sort of carry-on is the proper order of things. It's not.

I had sensed it was coming.

As opposed to KP or Kapes or any of the other nicknames I have, Warney always used to call me PK.

But that day, on the steps leading out to where the team vehicles park at the Gabba, he just walked past me and said, morning Kevin.

Cold and formal.

I knew things were different, but I was batting well: I'd just got a century in Sydney, one of my only hundreds in warm-up games.

The reason I'd played so well in that game was because the bowling attack included Glenn McGrath, Brett Lee and Stuart Clark from the Test-team attack. I was up for it.

I mowed it. I was ready for war.

Now Warney of all people was giving

KP'S WAR WITH PAL WARNE

JUST BEST FRIENDS: Kevin Pietersen and Shane Warne after England won the 2005 Ashes. Relations were far less cordial when the two men clashed again the following year.

ON COUNTY DUTY: Pietersen at the Hampshire pre-season press day in 2008.



STRAUSS



ing me the cold shoulder.

A minute later and he's throwing balls straight at me.

He told me what happened afterwards, when we finally hooked up and continued our friendship.

It was not just his mates but Cricket Australia who had told him why he was there.

Not for friendship or sporting gestures. They needed to destroy us, and he had to be on message.

I was identified as a big weapon for England.

He was their big weapon.

No more Mr Nice Guy.

Neither of us felt good about what had happened.

It was pathetic. And it was a hard lesson learned.

England got sucked into the war.

There was a moment when I went to sweep a ball from Warney and he bowled me out behind my legs. Said

it all.

We lost the series five-nil.

The way cricket has changed in recent years has brought about new friendships, and this now means there's a big difference in Test cricket and how it is played.

We all want the bragging rights, we all want to win and the intensity is higher than ever, but so is the respect we have for each other and for the game.

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



FINAL OUTING: Kevin Pietersen turns out for Hampshire for the last time in an t20 game against Surrey in June 2010.

What is cricket about? Warney and me screaming at each other like two drunks, or quietly learning from a guy like Rahul Dravid?

As my brother might say, there ends the sermon for today.

ON HAMPSHIRE

Fast forward to the summer of 2010, and Pietersen's time at

Hampshire is coming to an end...

He writes in his book... "I was out for a duck in the fourth Pakistan Test at Lord's (in 2010).

Not long after I took that walk of shame I was lovingly dropped for the one-day series.

My form had been patchy, but I'd put together a scrappy 80 in the first innings of the second Test and hadn't been needed to bat in the second.

Anyway, they were dropping me and I'd never seen Andy Flower smile so easily.

They called me to a hotel in London. I asked what I was there for.

I remember the smile breaking out on Andy Flower's face as they told me.

Dropped. Lollipopped. I told him it was good to see him smiling for once.

I had a conversation with Flower then.

Is there not a better way of doing this?

How are you going to report this in the media?

Are you going to say you are leaving me out to rest me or are you going to say you have dropped me?

No. We're going to drop you and we'll say so.

The Aussies went to town on it that winter.

Every time I had it thrown in my face I just thought, Flower, you d***.

It would have been so easy for you to say you were giving me a rest from a packed schedule.

It had been done before.

As usual when I am playing badly or stuck in some bog full of controversy, I had to remind myself that everybody was entitled to their opinion.

And I had to put up with the fact that everybody felt that I was entitled to their opinion too.

Dr Geoffrey Boycott, the specialist in suggesting remedies for delicate situations, trumpeted that there was nowt wrong with me that some good old county cricket wouldn't cure.

All the nodding dogs in the ECB agreed.

Two spoonfuls of county cricket would be just the thing.

For various reasons, my relationship with Hampshire was at a low point just then.

Apart from the three-hour round trip to the Rose Bowl, the main problem was the ECB scheduling.

The Board had taken virtual ownership of players on central contracts.

Lip service

For all the lip service they paid to the charms of county cricket they didn't really take into account whether we were available for our county sides or not.

My absences hadn't made any Hampshire hearts grow fonder.

Earlier in the summer, Andy Flower had instructed me to play some county cricket.

England wanted me to get in some practice in Hampshire's CB40 match against Kent ahead of the first Test at Trent Bridge.

Rod Bransgrove, the boss at Hampshire, resisted: I'd already let it be known that I was planning to leave Hampshire, and he couldn't see why he should dump a regular player for the benefit of a guy who was never there.

He stayed loyal to his guys, and I could see his point.

I was having lunch at our local wine bar with Jess when I messaged Shane Warne with my frustration:

Done for the rest of summer!! Man of the World Cup T20 and dropped from the T20 side too. It's a f*** up!!

Somehow, instead of direct-messaging Shane, the thing went up as a tweet.

I knew immediately. I got that stomach-lurching feeling, and put my fork down halfway through my starter.

I said to Jess, I need to get the bill here, I've f***** up.

I walked the hundred yards back home, headed up the stairs and sat on the top step, just crying."

Boycott attack on ECB leak

GEOFFREY Boycott has launched a stinging attack on the England and Wales Cricket Board over the leaked document which portrayed Kevin Pietersen as a troublemaker in the England dressing room.

Former England batsman Pietersen, who was sacked eight months ago, embarked on an extensive media tour on Tuesday to promote his autobiography in which he reveals details of his fractured relationship with former coach Andy Flower and makes allegations that a bullying culture existed within the England dressing room.

On Tuesday evening a document emerged which outlined a list of what the ECB saw as Pietersen's misdemeanours on the disastrous Ashes tour last winter with the governing body having to issue a statement stressing that it was not part of a wider dossier compiled on the actions of the flamboyant right-hander.

The document specified instances of Pietersen being "disengaged" during Flower's addresses to team meetings, another entry relating he wanted to leave the tour because of pain in his knee if England lost the third Test to go 3-0 down - which they did - and later, abusive subsequent exchanges between him and his team-mates as relationships apparently broke down.



BOYCOTT

In a column in the *Daily Telegraph*, former England batsman Boycott labelled some of the accusations "so trivial it beggars belief" and stated his belief that whoever leaked the document should lose their job.

"This has been a sorry week for English cricket, but the England and Wales Cricket Board started this farce with Kevin Pietersen so it should not try to take the moral high ground," he said.

"Kevin is a sinner but he has been sinned against by the ECB. There are rights and wrongs on both sides and whatever Pietersen's faults, the ECB is not blameless.

"For me, it reached its lowest point on Tuesday when a "strictly confidential" ECB document was leaked to the media. The points it contained were pathetic and it was a crass idea to put together such a report to try to trash Kevin. It stinks.

"Whoever dreamt that up is not fit to lead English cricket. Kevin has been a fantastic batsman for England. He thrilled millions and helped win matches for the England team that enabled some people at the ECB to bask in reflected glory.

"Yes Kevin was awkward, difficult, different and at times his own worst enemy. But his record and his performances do not deserve a character assassination. The ECB should be dignified about it all and not try to belittle him."

ADAM RANT'S VIEW ON KP FURORE - SEE PAGES 14 & 15

BOOK of the WEEK

Roy: My Life
By Roy Race

Sports book of the month price:
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IN A week when several publishers have spent small fortunes publicising three ghosted sporting 'autobiographies', there was only one literary effort that could possibly trump them.

Written by the sportsman himself, absorbing its humour, subtlety and excitement requires the reader to temporarily suspend belief and accept that events featured from the cover photograph onwards (which shows the author held aloft by John Bond and other members of West Ham's 1964, FA Cup-winning side) actually happened. Perhaps his date of birth is a misprint, but in 1964, Roy Race, aka Roy of the Rovers would have been nine years old.

As a hugely amusing antidote to the catty, back-biting, score-settling efforts featuring Messrs Pietersen, Keane and Ferdinand on their respective covers, *Roy: My Life* offers an ideal opportunity to enjoy sport, rather than be swamped with another succession of well-trailed, 'he said, she said' tales reminiscent of a schoolgirl's playground.

But *Roy: My Life* is no comic book strip. Instead, it is infused with a keen, subtle sense of humour.

For instance, with a respectful nod to Johan Cruyff, he describes the 'Seegrün shimmy', named after the fictional captain of the Dutch team, a move which involved Seegrün "some-

how swivelling his hips while dropping his shoulder and, at the same time, rotating his neck," a contortion which gave the impression of Seegrün "running in different directions at once."

Later, Roy muses over why he was shot, apparently at random, in 1981, though he concludes that perhaps it was simply because he was famous. "The person who hadn't had a pot-shot taken at him by a disenchanted loner was increasingly few and far between. Assassination seemed to be happening to everyone," he writes. *Roy: My Life* contains a liberal dose of similarly amusing lines.

There is, of course, drama – the account of how Roy and his mate Blackie nearly missed the FA Cup final could be made into a six-part TV series and Roy's team, Melchester Rovers, were not short of hard men such as Big Dunc McKay and Merv Wallace. Wallace, Roy tells us, once crushed a treatment table with his knee having "become enraged while trying to untie a knot in his bootlace."

If sport is about having fun, not reading about threats and four-letter tirades issued by footballers and managers, then you should ignore this week's three heavily-publicised sporting tomes and buy *Roy: My Life* instead.

QUIZ QUESTION:

We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month and have a copy of *ROY: MY LIFE* to give away.

To win this week's sports book, go to their website (sportsbookofthemonth.com) and answer the following question:

How many England caps did Roy Race win?

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Connor Jarvis is presented with an award for under 25 singles.
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Les Smith presenting the award to Tom Bishop for Worlds Singles Champion.
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League presentation evening at Wilton Crescent



Michael Aldren, John Mohindri, Peter Ward and Antony Nixon with Les Smith for the Fours.
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Benevolent Pairs: Andrew Hurst and Peter Athersuch with Les Smith.
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SOUTHAMPTON & District Bowling Association president Les Smith hailed a "brilliant" outdoor bowls season as the campaign was wrapped with the annual men's presentation evening at Pirrie Park.

The Woolston & District bowler was overjoyed with the way the summer's bowling went, but was quick to state that local clubs must try and welcome more youngsters to ensure the future of the sport in the city.

"It's been brilliant," he said. "It is something very unique and I was honoured to take on the job (of president) this year. "All the clubs have been very good and very supportive."

"We now need more youngsters to come on board to play the sport."

"The weather has been ideal this year."

The evening at Pirrie Park on Wilton Crescent saw the great and the good of local bowls celebrate.

Among the speeches deputy president David Hughdie announced that the Southampton & District association is thriving.

"This is without doubt one of

the best district associations in bowls," he said. "Many counties are very complimentary about how strong this (Southampton & District) is."

Among the awards, World Singles Champion of Champions Tom Bishop collected the under 25 singles trophy and Chas Swift picked up his singles competition winner's trophy.

There was big focus on Bishop who picked up the impressive world competition victory in New Zealand late last year.

It was also an opportunity to celebrate Hampshire's incredible Middleton Cup victory and the success plays across all ages.



Jim Farmer, Wayne Stewart and Gary Carter get the award for the triples from Les Smith.
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Chas Swift with the champion singles award presented by Les Smith.
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COMPETITION HONOURS

Singles

Champion: Chas Swift (Hyde Abbey).
Finalist: Stuart Rowney (Eastleigh Rail).

Fours

Semi-finalists: Mike Barrett (Eastleigh Rail) and Alan Bristow.

Champion of champions

Champion: Peter Ward (Southampton Sports Centre).
Finalist: Chas Swift (Hyde Abbey).

Pairs
Champions: Keith Charbit-Middleton, Phil Hunt (Southampton Sports Centre).

Finalists: Stewart Hayes, Mike Millington (Fleming Park).

Triples

Champions: Wayne

Stewart, Jim Farmer, Gary Carter (Atherley).

Finalists: Alan Smith, Alan C Forrest, Alan B Forreast (Fleming Park).

Finalist: Connor Jarvis (Lockwood)

Champions: Mike 'Buzz' Aldren, Jo Mohindra, Peter Ward, Anthony Nixon (Southampton Sports Centre).

Finalists: Alan Smith, Steve Dowdell, Alan C Forrest, Alan D Forrest (Fleming Park).

Benevolent Pairs
Champions: Peter Athersuch, Alan Hurst (Romsey).

Finalists: Malcolm Linn, Donald McLellan (Hedge End).

Veteran singles
Champion: Clive Puttock (Fleming Park)

Finalist: Chas Swift (Hyde Abbey)

Under 25 singles
Champion: Tom Bishop (Atherley)

Finalist: Connor Jarvis (Lockwood)

League honours
Championship – Division One: Eastleigh Rail.

Division Two: Brockenhurst.

Division Three: Meon Valley.

Combination – Division One: Atherley A.

Division Two: Lockwood.

Division Three: Parkside.

Division Four: Old Green.

Division Five: Old Green.

Did You Know?

WORLD SNOOKER RANKINGS

Prize money ranking

1 Mark Selby	795,507
2 Neil Robertson	757,531
3 Ding Junhui	708,686
4 Ronnie O'Sullivan	507,533
5 Barry Hawkins	462,402
6 Judd Trump	429,857
7 Shaun Murphy	380,643
8 Mark Allen	344,376
9 Marco Fu	331,115
10 Stuart Bingham	324,666
11 Ricky Walden	232,223
12 John Higgins MBE	222,927
13 Stephen Maguire	213,630
14 Joe Perry	208,829
15 Allister Carter	200,768
16 Graeme Dott	176,327
17 Mark Davis	164,869
18 Robert Milkins	162,482
19 Matthew Stevens	162,238
20 Ryan Day	146,959
21 Michael Holt	146,195
22 Mark Williams MBE	144,818
23 Xiao Guodong	144,391
24 Liang Wenbo	138,505
25 Alan McManus	136,558
26 Martin Gould	130,375
27 Dominic Dale	126,495
28 Michael White	125,587
29 Fergal O'Brien	119,383
30 Peter Ebdon	112,243
31 Mark King	108,406
32 Kurt Maflin	96,153
33 Andrew Higginson	95,471
34 Mark Joyce	95,148
35 Ken Doherty	93,115
36 David Brown Gilbert	89,690
37 Jack Lisowski	88,355
38 Tom Ford	87,748
39 Ben Woollaston	87,473
40 Anthony McGill	82,973
41 Rod Lawler	76,445
42 Dechawat Poomjaeng	75,558
43 Gerard Greene	74,743
44 Anthony Hamilton	71,367
45 Cao Yupeng	70,555
46 Marcus Campbell	69,776
47 Jamie Jones	69,636
48 Matthew Selt	68,561
49 Aditya Mehta	66,965
50 Yu Delu	66,897

WORLD GOLF RANKINGS

1 Rory McIlroy	11,6981
2 Adam Scott	8,8402
3 Sergio Garcia	7,6583
4 Jim Furyk	7,52
5 Henrik Stenson	7,3348
6 Justin Rose	7,1156



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7 Bubba Watson	6,9752
8 Jason Day	6,7245
9 Matt Kuchar	6,2818
10 Rickie Fowler	5,7766
11 Phil Mickelson	5,5914
12 Martin Kaymer	5,0553
13 Billy Horschel	4,9871
14 Jordan Spieth	4,9763
15 Dustin Johnson	4,6757
16 Zach Johnson	4,6561
17 Tiger Woods	4,572
18 Graeme McDowell	4,4574
19 Jimmy Walker	4,221
20 Hideki Matsuyama	4,0705
21 Chris Kirk	4,0345
22 Hunter Mahan	4,0298
23 Victor Dubuisson	3,9484
24 Charl Schwartzel	3,7851
25 Jamie Donaldson	3,6966
26 Patrick Reed	3,6247
27 Keegan Bradley	3,6171
28 Steve Stricker	3,5661
29 Bill Haas	3,4568
30 Thomas Bjorn	3,3858
31 Jason Dufner	3,3474
32 Luke Donald	3,3067
33 Webb Simpson	3,2728
34 Kevin Na	3,2474
35 Stephen Gallacher	3,2069
36 Miguel A Jimenez	3,1192
37 Joost Luiten	3,0863
38 Graham Delaet	3,006
39 Ryan Palmer	2,987
40 Ian Poulter	2,9611
41 Brandt Snedeker	2,95
42 Ryan Moore	2,9096
43 Thongchai Jaidee	2,8971
44 Marc Leishman	2,8385
45 Lee Westwood	2,8177
46 Brendon Todd	2,7605
47 Gary Woodland	2,6701
48 Kevin Streelman	2,6044
49 Francesco Molinari	2,5886
50 John Senden	2,5693



On the panel raising a toast, Martin Marum, Dave Hughdie, President Les Smith and Eddie Rowe.
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Worlds singles champion Tom Bishop with Les Smith and Eddie Rowe.
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Colombia.....3	El Salvador.....0
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Bacca 49,52	
HT 1-0	
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USA.....1	Ecuador.....1
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HT 1-0	

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HT 1-1	Att 3,383
Crawley.....1	Peterboro.....4
McLeod 2	Smith 11
	Burgess 40
	Maddison 55
	Washington 58
	Att 2,832
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Crewe.....2	Coventry.....1
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Cooper 32	
HT 2-0	Att 5,058
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Gillingham.....0	Scunthorpe.....3
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	McSheffrey 90
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HT 0-1	
Oldham.....2	Walsall.....1
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Jones 75	
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McNulty 90	Vincelot 90
HT 0-1	Att 19,179

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Swindon	10	3	2	0	13	6	3	1	1	9	5	21		
M K Dons	10	3	1	1	13	5	3	0	2	12	9	19		
Preston	10	3	3	0	12	7	2	1	1	8	4	19		
Chesterfield	11	3	1	1	10	6	2	2	2	11	11	18		
Bradford	11	2	1	3	8	9	3	2	0	7	2	17		
Oldham	12	3	2	1	8	7	1	4	1	8	7	21		
Notts Cnty	11	2	2	2	5	5	3	0	7	2	17	17		
Sheff Utd	11	3	1	1	7	5	2	3	1	10	13	17		
Rochdale	11	2	1	3	6	5	3	0	2	13	7	17		
Fleetwood T	12	2	4	0	7	5	2	0	4	4	5	16		
Doncaster	10	1	2	2	5	8	3	0	2	6	7	14		
Crawley	12	3	0	3	6	11	1	2	3	3	7	14		
Coventry	12	3	2	1	8	7	2	0	4	5	9	13		
Colchester	12	1	2	3	7	10	2	1	3	9	8	12		
Barnsley	10	1	0	3	7	10	2	3	1	7	6	12		
Walsall	12	2	3	1	8	4	0	3	3	9	12	12		
Port Vale	12	2	1	3	8	10	1	2	3	7	9	12		
Gillingham	12	3	2	1	8	6	0	1	5	4	12	12		
Yeovil	12	1	3	2	4	8	2	0	4	7	12	12		
Leyton O	11	0	1	4	4	9	2	4	0	9	6	11		
Scunthorpe	12	2	0	4	6	12	1	1	4	8	13	10		
Crewe	12	2	0	4	7	15	0	1	5	3	15	15		

SkyBet League Two

AFC Wimbledon 3	Bury2
Akinfenwa 26,37	Mayor 49
Tubbs 54	Lowe 73 pen
HT 2-0	Att 4,268
Acc Stanley.....1	Dagenham.....2
Maguire 39	Yusuff 57,64
HT 1-0	Att 1,412
Cambridge.....5	Oxford Utd.....1
Applah 41,45	Hylton 9
Donaldson 54	
Elliott 59	
Simpson 89	
HT 2-1	Att 4,435
Carlisle.....3	Stevenage.....0
Potts 17	
Rigg 28	
Beck 87	
HT 2-0	Att 4,011
Exeter.....1	Hartlepool.....2
Ribeiro 81	Woods 49
	Wyke 66
	Att 3,547
HT 0-0	
Luton.....2	Southend.....0
Lawless 17	
Cullen 34	
HT 2-0	Att 9,238

Morecambe.....1	Wycombe.....3
Fleming 45	Wood 10
	Hayes 15
	Jacobson 72
	Att 1,710
HT 1-2	
Newport County 3	York.....1
Hughes 51	
Zebroski 65	
Jones 72	
HT 0-1	Att 2,822
Northmptn.....1	Burton Albion.....2
Cresswell 80	Blyth 45
	MacDonald 86
	Att 4,935
HT 0-1	
POMPEY.....1	Mansfield.....1
Robinson 70	Heslop 46
HT 0-0	Att 15,585
Shrewsbry.....3	Cheltenham.....1
Collins 50	Harrison 48
Mangan 55	
Knight-Percival 69	
HT 0-0	Att 4,817
Tranmere.....0	Plymouth.....1
	R Reid 29
HT 0-1	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wycombe	12	3	2	1	7	5	4	2	0	10	3	25
Burton Albion	12	5	0	1	9	4	3	1	2	7	9	25
Bury	12	5	0	1	11	5	2	2	2	9	6	23
Luton	12	3	1	2	6	3	3	2	1	6	5	21
Southend	12	3	1	2	6	3	3	1	2	6	7	20
Plymouth	12	4	1	1	8	2	2	0	4	4	6	19
Morecambe	12	3	1	2	7	3	0	3	0	7	5	19
Shrewsbry	12	5	1	0	12	2	0	2	4	3	8	18
Northmptn	12	3	1	2	13	9	2	2	2	7	7	18
Wimbledon	12	3	1	2	12	9	2	2	2	8	10	18
Cambridge	12	3	0	3	13	6	2	2	10	9	7	17
POMPEY	12	3	2	1	9	4	1	3	2	2	5	17
Newport C	12	3	2	1	12	8	1	2	3	3	5	16
Cheltenham	12	2	3	1	5	4	2	1	3	5	7	16
Mansfield	12	4	0	2	8	6	1	1	4	4	10	16
Acc Stanley	12	3	1	2	8	7	2	0	4	9	15	16
Exeter	12	1	3	2	7	8	3	0	3	6	8	15
Dagenham	12	2	0	4	7	10	2	2	2	9	10	14
Stevenage	12	2	0	3	9	8	1	2	3	5	10	14
Carlisle	12	2	2	2	9	9	1	1	4	6	12	12
Hartlepool	12	1	2	3	2	7	2	0	4	5	11	11
York	12	0	5	1	5	6	1	2	3	6	11	10
Oxford Utd	12	2	2	2	7	6	0	2	4	4	12	10
Tranmere	12	1	2	3	6	8	1	1	4	5	8	9

Scottish Premiership

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hamilton	9	2	1	1	5	2	4	1	0	11	3	20
Dundee Utd	9	3	1	0	7	3	3	0	2	11	9	19
Inverness CT	9	3	2	0	6	2	2	0	2	7	6	17
Kilmarnock	9	4	0	1	9	3	1	2	1	3	4	17
Aberdeen	9	3	1	1	10	7	0	2	0	6	5	16
Celtic	8	2	1	1	9	4	2	1	1	6	3	14
Partick	8	3	0	2	12	6	0	1	2	1	6	10
Dundee	9	0	3	2	6	10	2	1	1	3	2	10
St Johnstn	9	1	0	3	4	6	2	0	3	4	6	9
St Mirren	9	0	0	4	1	8	2	1	2	7	7	7
Motherwell	9	1	0	3	1	7	1	1	1	3	4	8
Ross Cnty	9	1	0	3	5	7	0	1	4	2	14	4

Scottish Championship

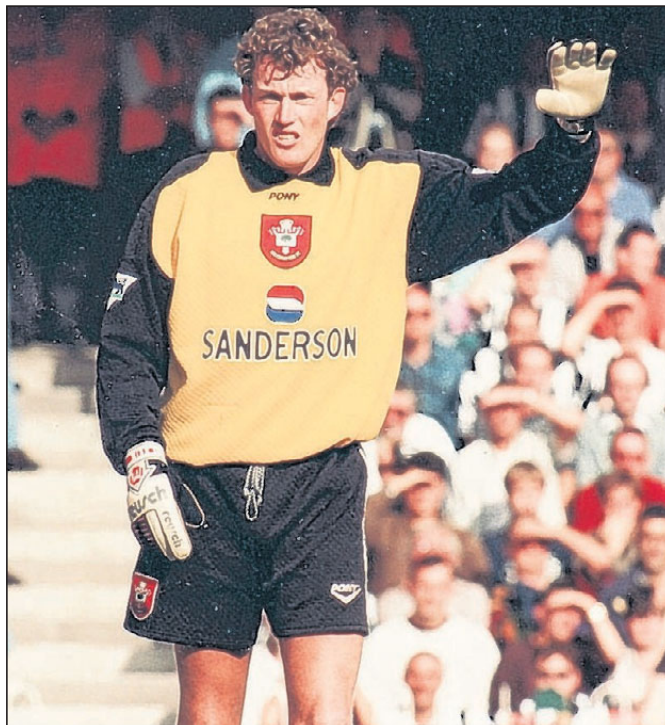
Aloa.....0	Hearts.....1
HT 0-0	Eckersley 87
Cowdenbth.....P	Rangers.....P
Postponed.	
Falkirk.....P	Livingston.....P
Postponed - new date to be confirmed.	
Hibernian.....0	Dumbarton.....0
HT 0-0	Att 7,923

Scottish League One

Airdrieonians....4	Brechin.....0
Fraser 31	
Proctor 21	
Lister 57	
Blockley 76	
HT 2-0	Att 718
Forfar.....3	Stenhousemuir.....0
Hilson 4	
Swankie 50	
Fotheringham 77	
HT 1-0	Att 489
Morton.....2	Stirling A.....0
Barrowman 33	
McNeil 85	
HT 1-0	Att 1,225
Stranraer.....P	Peterhead.....P
Postponed - new date to be confirmed.	

Scottish League Two

Annand Athletic..P	Arbroath.....P
Postponed - due to Scottish Cup.	
Berwick.....P	Montrose.....P
Postponed - due to Scottish Cup.	
East Fife.....0	Clyde.....1
	McManus 38
	Att 596
HT 0-1	
E Stirling.....1	Queen Park.....3
Greene 65	Fraser 5,25
	Woods 90
	Att 351
HT 0-2	



BENCH DUTY: Former Saints keeper Dave Beasant (pictured during his time at The Dell) was named among the substitutes by Stevenage today - at the age of 55. Beasant, who famously saved a penalty when Wimbledon won the 1988 FA Cup final, watched on as his team lost 3-0 at Carlisle. He would have become English football's oldest ever professional had he been called into action.

Elgin.....P	Albion R.....P
Postponed - due to Scottish Cup.	

Scottish Cup Second Round Replays

East Kilbride.....1	Spartans.....5
Vitoria 11	Douglas 15
	Beesley 57,60,88 pen
	McLeod 63
	Att 421
HT 1-1	
Forres M.....1	Elgin.....1
Moore 65	Gunn 75 pen,85
HT 0-0	Att 865
Montrose.....1	Arbroath.....3
Harkins 45	McManus 4,92,101
HT 1-1	Att 789
AET: Score after 90 mins 1-1.	

Vanarama Conference

Aldershot.....2	Bristol R.....2
Williams 16 pen	Monkhouse 42
Roberts 77	Taylor 68 pen
HT 1-1	Att 3,466
Alfreton Town..L	Torquay.....L
HT L-L	
Altrincham.....0	Woking.....3
	Rendell 52
	Morgan 66
	Payne 90
	Att 1,218
HT 0-0	
Barnet.....3	Kidderminster.....3
Villa 32	Gash 58
Cook 38	Blissett 80,82
Akande 43	
HT 3-0	Att 1,689
Braintree Town..0	Southport.....2
	George 69
	Bakayoko 84
	Att 810
HT 0-0	
Dartford.....1	Macclesfield.....1
Hayes 85	Barnes-Homer 87
HT 0-0	Att 1,063
Dover.....2	Chester FC.....0
Heneghan 47 og	
Essam 64	
HT 0-0	Att 1,009
EASTLEIGH.....4	FC Halifax.....1
Reason 22	Hattersley 16 pen
Green 53	
Fleetwood 76	
Strevens 90	
HT 1-1	Att 1,498

Forest Grn.....1	Gateshead.....1
Parkin 71	Howe 77
HT 0-0	Att 1,217
Lincoln City.....2	AFC Telford.....0
Newton 63 pen	
Tomlinson 76	
HT 0-0	Att 2,529
Welling U.....4	Nuneaton.....1
Beautyman 19,45	Dean 23
Marsh 72,74	
HT 2-1	Att 614
Wrexham.....0	Grimsby.....1
HT 0-1	John-Lewis 28 pen
	Att 8,163

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Barnet	16	5	1	2	18	7	5	2	1	18	6	33	
Woking	15	4	2	1	14	6	5	1	2	15	8	30	
Gateshead	16	6	1	1	17	11	2	5	1	11	8	30	
Bristol R	16	6	2	0	11	3	2	3	3	9	12	29	
FC Halifax	16	5	2	1	19	9	3	2	3	9	9	28	
Torquay	14	5	2	0	13	2	3	1	3	12	10	27	
Forest Grn	16	4	2	2	11	7	3	4	1	10	8	27	
Kiddermnstr	16	5	2	1	15	6	2	3	3	7	9	26	
Wrexham	16	4	1	3	10	9	4	1	3	11	10	26	
Macclesfld	16	4	4	0	12	5	2	3	7	9	25		
Grimby	16	3	3	2	13	4	3	3	2	13	8	24	
EASTLEIGH	15	5	3	0	16	8	1	2	4	9	13	23	
Lincoln City	16	4	2	2	14	11	2	1	5	11	16	21	
Brentree Town	15	4	2	1	11	6	2	0	5	9	11	20	
Aldershot	16	4	2	2	12	9	1	3	4	5	9	20	
Chester FC	16	4	1	3	7	12	2	1	5	9	14	20	
Dover	16	4	0	4	8	7	1	2	5	10	19	17	
Dartford	16	2	4	2	10	10	1	2	5	6	13	15	
Southport	16	2	1	5	8	15	2	2	4	8	13	15	
Altrincham	16	3	1	4	9	15	1	2	5	7	18	15	
Nuneaton	16	4	1	3	10	12	0	1	7	2	16	14	
Alfreton Town	15	2	1	4	8	13	1	0	7	3	19	10	
AFCC Telford	16	1	2	5	13	20	0	2	6	6	9	11	

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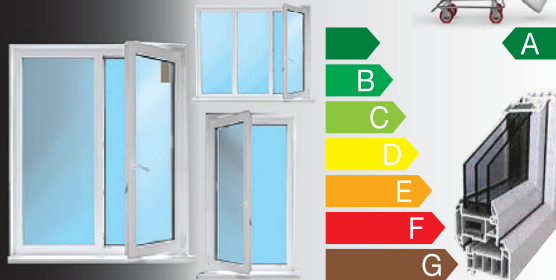
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